

POLICE FEARS ABOUT WORKING WITH LABOUR

By T. A. SANDROCK Scotland Yard Correspondent
POLICE fear that they may be unable properly to serve the public under a Labour government because of Labour party decisions on policing made at its Blackpool conference. Mr Leslie Curtis, Police Federation chairman, said last night.

Stepping into the political debate, Mr Curtis savagely criticised the conference's decisions when addressing a federation meeting in Hull.

"I believe the Labour leadership sees the dangers of an emotive conference and are sensible enough to see the total incompatibility of what their conference has passed and what is feasible for this country," he said after his speech.

He was giving a "warning shot" to the leadership and said that there would have to be meetings if the Labour party became the government and had to try to carry out conference decisions.

He also hoped within the next two weeks to meet Labour MPs whose constituencies covered areas involved in the miners' dispute.

In his speech he said: "The police service deeply, bitterly and fearfully resents the Labour party's verdict on the police.

"We are fearful, because we wonder how it will be possible to serve the people of this country in some future crisis of this nature if the party of power adopts a policy of blaming the police and forbidding them, incredibly, to intervene to restore law and order if the lawbreakers happen to be engaged in an industrial dispute."

Loyal service

"I hope that away from the emotion of Blackpool and the party militants, the Labour leadership will realise that the decisions taken last Monday have undermined police confidence in the intentions of a future Labour government."

"We have to look to see what policies lie behind the rhetoric and the portents are ominous."

Partisan rhetoric'

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, hit back by saying: "If Mr Curtis is genuinely and sincerely worried about crime in this country he only has to take up the matter with the Home Secretary rather than attack the Labour party in a piece of partisan political rhetoric."

"The fact is that we have crime in this country at a record rate with serious crime up 30 per cent under this Government."

"The clear-up rate by the police is abysmally low."

"The Tory Government's policies have resulted in an increase in crime and the police seem unable to deal with it."

"That is the real law and order problem but Mr Curtis does not seem to mind that and seems perfectly ready to allow the Tory Government to allow the crime wave to soar. He should stop playing politics and fight crime."

Police 'use subterfuge on picket lines'

By OUR SCOTLAND YARD CORRESPONDENT

POLICE often have to use some "subterfuge" to make arrests during violent mass pickets in the miners' dispute because there is no precise law on

dom of choice to work was in the face of considerable pressure and antagonism.

The acceptance of "peaceful picketing by peaceful persuasion" appears to be unheard of by the "mass of individuals who are clearly orchestrated and gathered together at predetermined times and locations apparently with the sole intention of intimidating those working miners."

Made to pay

Supt Anthony Parkes, Devon and Cornwall, told the conference that organisers of violent mass picketing should be made by law to pay the costs of policing such demonstrations.

"If a trade union picks as a means of peaceful persuasion within the TUC guidelines then no police problem arises," he said.

"But if a union seeks to intimidate non-strikers by means of pickets or by means of threatening to picket then a chief officer of police is obliged to protect his community from injury and their property from damage."

"This involves, usually, the mass deployment of police manpower and results in expense. The intimidation of working miners and their families free the community."

SLOWER ACTION ON 999 CALLS

THE drain on resources of policing miners' pickets is slowing down responses to 999 calls, Sir Philip Knights, chief constable of West Midlands, told his area's police committee yesterday.

It is the main result noticeable of the public having to send men out of his area to cope with the strike.

But the Labour attempt to use it as an excuse to stop the practice failed yesterday.

The county council's controlling group wanted to prevent payment of overtime, which would effectively have stopped Sir Philip sending reinforcements to other chief constables.

But he told the committee it did not have the power to prevent him sending men, nor did he have the power not to send them on request.

Were he not to, the Home Secretary would order him to do so.

"That would bring nearer a national police force, and no one wants that," he said.

'Make them pay'

The police committee in neighbouring Derbyshire has already decided not to meet the bills from other forces which have sent assistance.

But yesterday West Midlands committee decided to ask the Home Secretary to fix an amount Derbyshire should pay, and require them to pay it.

This may cause a further row, because the West Midlands demand is for more than £500,000 — a figure fixed at the highest possible rate, which includes the full payment of police wages.

The Home Secretary has agreed payment of overtime both for picket duty and consequential overtime of the men left behind.

Cllr Edwin Shore, West Midlands' committee's Labour chairman, said after the meeting: "We will use this as a test case and are seeking legal advice as to whether we can sue for the higher figure if he turns us down."

Workers get rights wrong

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

HALF of Britain's workers wrongly believe that strikers are allowed to claim social security benefit, according to an opinion poll published today.

In fact, only the families of strikers, not the strikers themselves, are entitled to benefit, and the Department of Health and Social Security deducts £15-a-week from that.

This £15 is to allow for strike pay, even though many unions, including the National Union of Mineworkers, do not actually pay it.

Gallup conducted the poll of a representative sample of 763 workers, for a new weekly BBC Radio 4 series "What about the Workers," which begins today. It reveals widespread ignorance among workers about their statutory rights as employees.

Only 10 per cent. of union members, and 11 per cent. of non-members knew they had to be employed for at least one year before they become entitled to protection from unfair dismissal.

Only 65 per cent. of women and 55 per cent. of men knew that unmarried mothers had the same rights to maternity leave as married women.

But three-quarters of manual workers knew that under the 150-year-old Truck Acts they were entitled to be paid in cash.

The poll shows that trade union members were slightly less aware of their rights than non-members.

NO DHSS AID FOR FUNERAL OF MINER'S SON

A 31-year-old striking miner and his wife have been refused DHSS help towards a £225 funeral bill following the death of their day-old son.

Victor and Carol Simonczuk, of Rawnsley Road, Huddersfield, Staffs, called the decision "monstrous." Mr Simonczuk said: "We are so much in debt we can't afford a gravestone. How can we possibly afford £225 after being on strike for seven months?"

The Department made its decision on the grounds that the death of a 13-hour-old Dane could not be classified as a disaster in terms of the funeral bill.

80 MORE JOIN DHSS COMPUTER STRIKE

A further 80 staff at the DHSS Newcastle computer centre have walked out on strike, bringing the total number of strikers to more than 350, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

The strike has disrupted payment of pensions and child benefits but the DHSS say it will not affect payment of rises in all benefits due to come into effect next month.

Although the Civil and Public Services Association is tightening its grip by stepping up the strike, it now looks increasingly unlikely that it will be extended to unemployment benefit payments.

The board can live with the conciliation machinery in its present context, including the bonding judgments of the National Reference Tribunals, because the constitution stipulates that it retains the ultimate right to allow individual cases to be referred if it wishes. It seldom, if ever, uses that right, but its existence is what matters.

Assuming it were applied to closures, the board would presumably find it difficult not to insist on the same statutory right to block references, a reference which it would see as essential to its "right to manage," but which the NUTM would be unlikely to accept.

The union has long argued that the existing colliery review procedures, which involve tech-



PIT STRIKE 'MAY HIT BR WORK'

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

BRITISH RAIL says lost revenue through the pit strike has now reached £150 million, bringing fears that it may cause delays in the £528 million programme to electrify more

For the time being, BR is able to draw on the £56 million received from Sea Containers, which bought the Sealink shipping business in July.

But Mr Bob Reid, BR chairman, says that the loss of coal trade is making BR's 1984 revenue "look sick."

Much of it has been lost because railwaymen are refusing to move coal, regardless of contracts and the future threat to their jobs.

Many firms may stay with road transport instead of going back to the railways when the strike is over.

The Steel Corporation is among those likely to divide its business between BR and road hauliers after the strike instead of relying chiefly on the railways.

A BR spokesman said yesterday that it hoped none of the electrification schemes would be delayed by the loss of cash due to the pit strike.

Well advanced

Work is particularly well advanced on the East Anglia scheme costing £50 million and covering 75 miles from Colchester to Harwich and Norwich, with completion due in May 1987.

The £49 million, 32-mile electrification of the Paisley-Ayr line and branches is due for completion in the same month.

Next May should bring electrification of the eight miles of the North London line between North Woolwich and Dalston at a cost of 29 million.

Work has just begun on the £24 million, 31-mile electrification between Tonbridge and St Leonards. Also sanctioned this year and due for completion in May 1986 is the £10 million 20-mile Bishop's Stortford-Cambridge electrification and the £5 million, 16-mile Wickford-Southminster line electrification.

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Denning sees Tory hand in reluctance to use picket law

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

CIVIL proceedings should be taken by the

Government against the NUM to stop it interfering with the statutory duty of the Coal Board to secure the economic development of mining, Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said last night.

He also criticised the Government and the Attorney-General for failing to enforce the law by seeking injunctions to stop unlawful secondary action, mass picketing and violence.

He said on the Channel 4 programme "Diverse Reports" that many people are asking why the law had not been properly enforced in the dispute.

"I think it must have been a matter of high policy, at least at Ministerial or Cabinet level, not to go to the courts of law but instead to call out hundreds of thousands of police."

He felt this was a mistake. Ministers, the Attorney-General and the courts are there to enforce the law. But the courts could not act unless someone made an application to them.

They could grant injunctions to stop mass picketing and violence, and if these were disobeyed those responsible could be committed for contempt or much better" they and their unions could be fined, and their assets sequestered.

They are still left with much scope to work for the well-being of their members.

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Scargill case law in force under Labour

By OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A NY punishment for contempt of court imposed on the National Union of Mineworkers or its president Mr Arthur Scargill, in the High Court today will be for defiance of long established laws of contract and not the present Government's industrial relations legislation.

The two Yorkshire miners who obtained injunctions against the nationalised N.U.M. and its Yorkshire area could have brought their case under the law as it stood when the last Labour government was in power.

Their injunctions were obtained on the grounds that the union had broken its contract with individual members by endorsing strike action in breach of union rules.

The miners were not relying on legislation introduced by Conservative Government since 1979 which outlawed secondary industrial action or secondary picketing away from a striker's place of work.

As their claim was based on breach of contract rather than a tort or civil wrong, they did not benefit from provisions in the 1982 Employment Act which cut back the former virtual immunity of trade unions from actions in tort in trade disputes.

Injunctions

In the contempt proceedings to be heard by Mr Justice Nicholls in the High Court in London today, the two miners, Mr Bob Taylor, 53, and Mr Ken Foulstone, 45, will be claiming that the union did not Scargill as its servant or agent, defied injunctions they had obtained from the judge last Friday.

In injunctions issued against the national union and its Yorkshire area, the judge restrained both unions and their servants and agents from describing the strike in Yorkshire as official or threatening their members with disciplinary action if they crossed picket lines.

Lawyers for the two men will have to satisfy the judge that the court orders were properly served or otherwise brought to the attention of Mr Scargill and his union and that the orders were then defied.

Neither the union nor Mr Scargill are expected to be represented in court today but this would not prevent the judge going ahead and hearing the contempt application.

It is possible that the judge could in theory decide to send Mr Scargill to prison.

But the jailing of Mr Scargill is unlikely to be pressed by lawyers for the two miners and the likely outcome would be a substantial fine on the union with the threat of sequestration of its assets if the fine is not paid within a short period.

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5 pc REJECTED

Unions representing 1,000 staff of independent radio stations, who have rejected a 5 per cent. pay offer, will meet the Association of Independent Radio Contractors today for further negotiations.

INCEST HOTLINE

A telephone hotline for child victims of incest is being set up in Birmingham by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There are more than 50 incest cases a year in the city, claims the society.

Saved... thanks to the Council

How small town houses in Essex and Suffolk have been saved from decay by local authority action:

Richard Haslam explains. Colour features: British marsh harriers' comeback; the State beds of Schloss Weikersheim, and the Jekyll Island club for rich New York businessmen.

ON SALE NOW

Output gap widens

By OUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE rundown in coal stocks slowed considerably in August, the Energy Department confirmed yesterday.

But the increase in demand for electricity produced by the colder weather and shorter daylight hours means that the gap is now widening again.

Coal production in August totalled 2,800,000 tons, while demand was a million tons higher. In June and July the gap ranged between 1,600,000 to 2,200,000 tons.

In the first eight months of the year coal output compared to a year earlier was down by more than 54 per cent. to 36,200,000 tons while demand

rose by 22 per cent. from 72 million tons to 56 million tons.

The Department's figures also provide further insight into the efforts made to conserve coal stocks by increasing the oil burn at power stations.

Oil-power up 19 p.c.

Total oil consumption for energy uses in the first eight months reached 44,100,000 tons, an increase of 19 p.c. on the same period a year earlier. In the three months to August demand was almost 35 p.c. higher at 17,600,000 tons.

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BOTHA TROOPS TO KEEP PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Pretoria

SOUTH AFRICAN troops will be deployed in Mozambique to monitor an unconditional ceasefire agreed in Pretoria yesterday between the Marxist Frelimo government and the Mozambique resistance movement (Renamo).

The four-point peace declaration, agreed after a week of intensive and often precarious proximity talks in Pretoria, was formally read out by Mr Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, who acted as an intermediary between the two sides.

The first point emphasises that "Samora Moises Machel is acknowledged as the President of the People's Republic of Mozambique." Secondly, the parties agreed that "armed activity and con-

tinued was given ceremonial treatment with Mr Botha reading it to a conference hall filled with journalists in Pretoria's Union Buildings, the imposing government headquarters.

Mr P. W. Botha, the new State President, then entered to give his blessing. "The South African government stands ready at all times to play a role in the search for peace, stability, and progress in southern Africa," he said.

"This important event is a signal to the world that we here today are serious in our efforts to achieve peace in our region."

'Aware of misery'

The Foreign Minister disclosed that the talks had all but broken down four times. "We lost all concept of time, but we were aware of the importance of ensuring that failure would have brought to the region," he said.

Mr Botha would not be drawn on the possibility of any political role in Mozambique for Renamo's leaders. "It's not constitutional things that matter, it's land and getting something to eat."

It is understood that the Renamo leadership pressed for political concessions, but conceded when the South Africans reaffirmed their support for Mr Machel.

Diplomatic observers believe that Renamo guerrillas came to the conference table because they face a serious supply problem. Pretoria withdrew its support for the movement after the Nkomati Accord signed with the Machel government last March.

Bomb blast in Durban

A bomb exploded in Durban late on Tuesday night, but no one was injured. The blast followed a day of sporadic violence in black townships across South Africa in which four

years of civil war.

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Mugabe minister gives pledge on fair poll

By A. J. McILROY in Harare

THE Mugabe government in Zimbabwe has given an assurance in Parliament that next year's general election will be conducted fairly and "without intimidation."

The assurance came after 90 minutes of Parliamentary questions fired by Mr Ian Smith's white minority Conservative Alliance at Mr Tsvangirai Zimambe, Deputy Minister of Justice.

The flurry of questions and the increasing attention of the white MPs to the elections coincides with rising tension between Mr Mugabe's ruling Zimbabwe African National Union and Mr Joshua Nkomo's Opposition Zimbabwe African People's Union.

Zimbabwe's newspapers are carrying reports of harassment and intimidation involving the two parties, particularly their respective youth wings.

Zapu workers say their party is being intimidated in Zanu support areas, which are the majority in the country, while Zanu party officials say they are being intimidated in Matabeleland where Mr Nkomo draws his support.

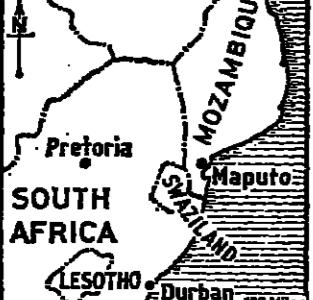
Senator Garfield Todd, of Mr Smith's Conservative Alliance, has suggested that if Mr Mugabe found he could not complete all the requirements for fair elections by next year, there was a legal grace period of 12 months to postpone them.

Mr Mugabe has indicated his reluctance to take this course.



Mr P. W. Botha, South Africa's new State President, and (right) Mr Pik Botha, Foreign Minister, meeting members of Mozambique's Marxist Frelimo Government after the ceasefire agreement reached between them and the resistance movement Renamo in Pretoria.

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dict within Mozambique from whatever quarter or source must stop."

Thirdly, the South African government is requested to consider playing a role in the implementation of this declaration, and lastly a commission would be established immediately to work towards the early implementation of the declaration.

Medical help

Mr. Botha, who is chairman of the Peace Commission, said the South African peace-keeping force would also assist in rebuilding roads and clinics, providing medical and dental services, and helping with agricultural projects.

South African civilians operating in a "peace corps" role would also assist generally in rebuilding Mozambique's infrastructure devastated by eight years of civil war.

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LUXURIES BAN FOR ISRAELIS

By JOHN BULLOCK in Jerusalem

ISRAELI Cabinet Ministers argued publicly with one another yesterday, as economists condemned the first attempt by the new national unity government to grapple with Israel's run-away inflation and rapidly disappearing foreign reserves.

In a move approved by only a one-vote majority in the government's economic committee, Israelis were prohibited from importing a range of 50 luxury goods. Items affected included cars, televisions, videos, whisky, chocolates and cosmetics.

Economists said the move, plus related restrictions on the amount of foreign currency for holidays and the use of credit cards, might save about \$200 million (£160 million) in foreign exchange. But the loss of tax revenues because of the ban on imports would be about the same amount.

Public split

The result, they said, would be that the government would again have to resort to printing money. And they forecast that the current inflation rate of about 450 per cent. would be close to 1,000 per cent. within two months.

The 15-member economic committee, set up to work out and implement an overall economic strategy to deal with Israel's financial ills, passed the import ban by seven votes to six.

Mr Gad Yacobi, Economy Minister, said he had voted in favour "under protest." And another Minister said the decision had only been taken "as a psychological measure," as it was felt there would be strong public criticism if nothing was decided.

But the committee refused to consider yesterday morning a proposal by Mr Yitzhak Modai, Finance Minister, because they said, they had not been given details of the effects or results of his plans.

Mr David Levy, deputy Prime Minister, said Mr Modai was putting forward piece-meal measures, rather than an overall plan. Other Ministers said the row was part of a struggle for power in anticipation of the new election, considered certain.

Heseltine urges Nato to align arms work

By Maj-Gen. EDWARD FURSDON Defence Correspondent

MR HESELTINE, Defence Secretary, called on European governments in Nato to bring about greater collaboration and co-operation in military equipment procurement, when he addressed the Royal United Services Institute yesterday.

"The only way forward is a political way—not industrial, or military, or research-led," he said.

"It is in the end only the ultimate customer, the national taxpayers, who through their politicians can bring about the co-ordinated marketplace that alone will deliver the efficiencies and the economies."

As this year's chairman of the Eurogroup, it is not surprising that Mr Heseltine took the current lack of European equipment standardisation and interoperability as his main battle tank.

As examples of fragmentation, he said Europe currently had 22 different sorts of combat aircraft and eight types of main battle tank.

"The purpose of improved European co-operation is not to exclude American supplies from Europe, as we have already seen, the defence of Europe demands ultimately upon a Transatlantic relationship."

"But, it would not be in the long-term interests of the United States for Europe to lose or diminish its capability at the forefront of defence technology."

"A stronger Alliance depends ultimately upon a more equal European-American industrial partnership," he said.

ADDIS RULERS TO DISTRIBUTE AID

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Ethiopia's 11-month Politburo has taken over responsibility for co-ordinating the relief programme dealing with the drought which now affects 32 of the country's 14 provinces.

The situation has grown rapidly worse in the past two months and 26 Christian and voluntary organisations issued a warning this week that hundreds of thousands of Ethiopians would die unless food supplies are shipped in without delay.

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U.S. fears Kremlin

power struggle may hinder talks

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

America is concerned that the lack of authority of Mr Konstantin Chernenko, the ailing Russian leader, and a leadership struggle in the Kremlin may frustrate new U.S.-Soviet negotiations.

Soviet leaders may be interested in renewing negotiations on nuclear weapons and other matters after the American presidential election, Mr Hartman, American Ambassador to Moscow, said yesterday.

But it was still unclear whether they would be sufficiently united to act.

Mr Hartman, a key participant in the talks last week between President Reagan and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said after nearly eight months in office Mr Chernenko was still unable fully to assert his authority.

"Even the Soviets would admit he's not a leader who has the full strength and backing of the entire apparatus in the Soviet Union," he said.

A senior American diplomat suggested that Soviet foreign policy may remain erratic until new leadership emerges. It is apparent, he said, that Soviet officials would like "a non-first-strike" next time, and to change instead to a "lingering death." But it was evident that the Kremlin's power brokers had been unable to agree on a successor.

The diplomat said he thought it unlikely that Mr Gromyko, who is 75, or Marshal Ustinov, the elderly Soviet Defence Minister, would succeed to the leadership. The main rivals, he said, appeared to be Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, 53, who wanted more pragmatism and decentralisation in the leadership, and Mr Grigori Romanov, 61, who opposed changes in the party bureaucracy.

Bitov tells of 'drugs, violence and fear'

By ROBIN GEDYE in Moscow

OLEG BITOV published the first in a promised series of articles yesterday describing the events surrounding his "kidnapping" in Italy and his "awful adventure" in Britain in the hands of the Secret Service.

Under the headline "Year-long Film Festival," Mr Bitov's article covers an entire page in *LITERATURNAYA GAZETTA*, the newspaper on which he was a senior editor.

His allegations include claims that *THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH* in which he published articles criticising the Soviet Union, "is closely connected with the British secret services," and that Venice is "paradise for the activities of secret services."

He claims he was close to "Free West," first physically, then morally. "I did not want to die for nothing. The most terrible thing was to die in disgrace. It was not my intention to present patrons with such a gift."

Fateful coincidence "It was possible to live through the last year of my awful adventure with a hope that sooner or later the truth about it would be learned in my motherland, and in the whole world."

Bitov begins his narrative in Venice where he arrived from Moscow on Sept. 2 to stay in the *Bianchi* Hotel while covering the film festival.

After an unexplained meeting with a character named Alexei Blych, who Bitov suspected is a Russian agent, he decided on Sept. 3 to travel to Rome to see a Soviet film performance.

He says that in Rome he visited the Soviet Embassy to obtain medical help because there was something wrong with his leg and refers to the "fateful coincidence" of being there at the time of the attempt on the Pope's life.

He recalls returning to his hotel room to find it ransacked, but does not report it to any authorities.

After travelling back to Venice on Sept. 8 he entered his hotel room at night and was hit over the head. "I regained consciousness lying on my bed in the basement half-unclad, my shoes and jacket taken off, my collar unbuttoned, but my trousers still on," he says.

"Someone was sitting by my bed. Someone was sitting very confidently drinking something probably my wine. I can remember his first words 'Good Morning, Oleg Georgievich.' We were breakfasting a little bit too sharply, but we wanted so much to talk to you."

Bitov recalls that the man referred to himself as a professional "like the television film about one of the dirtiest subdivisions of the British Intelligence Service."

He was taken up to a house in Venice where a man called Capt. Forster was sitting behind a large desk, who was a "typical British gentleman, smoked a pipe and was very

polite." Capt. Forster asked him what rank he held and why he had gone to Rome. Bitov refused to answer.

10 EXECUTED

Ghana has executed 10 people by firing squad, including Flight-Lt Robert Nii Amoo Addy, a relative of Flight-Lt Jerry Rawlings, the nation's military Head of State. Addy was convicted of murder.—AP

EURO-MPs TO CHALLENGE EEC SPENDING DEAL

By ALAN OSBORN
Common Market Correspondent in Luxembourg

A MAJOR concession by Britain has enabled the Common Market to steer clear of bankruptcy later this month but there are still many unsolved problems which could thwart the deal made by Foreign Ministers late on Tuesday.

The first challenge to the arrangement will come from the European Parliament which has held up payment of Britain's £457 million rebate for 1983 pending a solution of short-term financial problems.

The parliament is likely to be satisfied that adequate arrangements have been made for 1984.

But the Euro-MPs will strongly resent the agreement by Finance Ministers to set annual controls on EEC spending and, in particular, to curb spending on agriculture.

Crash likely

Such an arrangement effectively removes the European Parliament's power to influence EEC spending. This is the only area in which the parliament has any authority.

Officials said yesterday that the parliament would probably release the British money when it meets next week, but it is much less certain that the Euro-MPs will accept the proposed 1985 budget. A serious clash between the parliament and member governments before the end of the year is now increasingly likely.

Britain's original conditions for agreeing to emergency financing for the EEC this year, that strict discipline should be established for the EEC budget and that full provision should be made for payment of the £600 million rebate in the 1985 budget.

German objection

The Government now seems to have dropped the second condition. The deal struck on Tuesday by Foreign Ministers makes no provision for payment of the money to Britain.

As things stand, the 1985 budget is strictly tailored to the income legally available to the Community. The only way that extra payments, such as that to Britain, are possible is through bringing forward an increase in the Community's permanent annual income from member governments.

The agreed date for increasing this income is Jan. 1, 1986. Britain, along with most other member countries, is happy to

Entry hopes dashed

Spain and Portugal are now unlikely to join the Common Market at the beginning of 1986, as they had hoped after EEC Foreign Ministers decided at their meeting yesterday that there were too many technical problems to be solved.

They said that there had not been enough time to solve the problems at the meeting.

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TURKISH KILLINGS

Guerrillas have shot dead an army captain and a private in Sembilli, eastern Turkey, hours after President Kenan Evren visited the town on a provincial tour. The terrorists, presumed to be Kurdish separatists, sprayed with bullets a car in which the two were travelling. —Reuter.

Peking urges

Taiwan to sign treaty

By HUGH DAVIES
in Peking

CONFIDENT that Parliament will endorse the pact handing over Hong Kong in 1997, China is now moving swiftly to negotiate a far trickier settlement—the surrender by Taiwan of sovereignty.

Publicly, the Taiwanese have scorned the Hong Kong deal. Officials likened the Communist pledges to those made to Tibet's Dalai Lama and denounced the joint declaration with Britain as "a propaganda trick to fool world opinion."

Taipei reacted to the initialing ceremony by calling a Cabinet meeting to discuss an offer of mortgages and multiple-entry visas to Chinese residents of the colony wanting to flee.

However, the Chinese leadership has ignored the insults.

Deng Yingchuan, the widow of Chou Enlai, said it was time Taiwan stopped "building a wall around the island." Mr Zhou Ziyang, the Prime Minister, claimed that all Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait wanted reunification.

Now Teng Hsiao-ping, the leader, is publicly stressing "peaceful reunification with Taiwan, which is a part of our sacred territory."

A nine-point proposal for negotiations was first mooted on the eve of China's National Day in 1981. Marshal Ye Jianying offered terms which have since been sweetened by Teng.

The plan, significantly more generous than the pledges given to Hong Kong, would allow Taiwan to continue in its own regime, even to the point of retaining the armed forces.

These crack troops are envied throughout most of Asia, particularly for their lavish equipment.

In addition, Peking would agree not to station any troops in Taiwan, or administrative personnel. The troop pledge was originally given to residents of Hong Kong, but abruptly rescinded by Teng just a few months ago.

When the 13th shuttle mission departs from Cape Canaveral Florida, tomorrow, it will be carrying five men and two women on record fourth shuttle mission.

The two women are Dr Kathryn Sullivan, 32, who will become the first female American astronaut to walk in space, and Dr Sally Ride, 33, making her second trip.

Mapping surveys

Among the tasks to be conducted aboard the shuttle Challenger are the most extensive mapping surveys of the Earth's surface ever to be undertaken in space.

In the cargo bay will be a large radar-imaging system and a camera with special film, 25 times as big as common 35-millimetre film, which will give sharper details of the earth's surface than anything previously produced.

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'Crowded' shuttle to carry record crew

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

ASTRONAUTS on the most crowded space shuttle mission so far will have to take special care to be neat and tidy to avoid getting in each other's way, according to space officials.

When the 13th shuttle mission departs from Cape Canaveral Florida, tomorrow, it will be carrying five men and two women on record fourth shuttle mission.

The two women are Dr Kathryn Sullivan, 32, who will become the first female American astronaut to walk in space, and Dr Sally Ride, 33, making her second trip.

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PHYSICIST SUICIDE THREAT

By ADRIAN BERRY
Science Correspondent

A BULGARIAN physicist threatened to set fire to himself at least twice outside British missions abroad after the journal NATURE refused to publish three of his scientific articles, according to today's issue.

Dr Stefan Marinov, who lives in the West, wrote one article attacking the design of a potential atomic bomb, another attacking Einstein's special theory of relativity, and a third containing a "manifesto."

Mr John Maddox, editor of the British journal, said he refused to publish any of the three articles.

He added that Dr Marinov had been conducting experiments in his girlfriend's flat in Austria.

On Aug. 8, Mr Maddox said Dr Marinov arrived outside the British Consulate in Genoa and said he was going to kill himself. He fled when Consulate staff threatened to report him to the police for being in Italy illegally.

Last week, he announced he was going to set fire to himself, this time outside the British Embassy in Vienna. But he changed his mind when the police arrived.

REPLY RULED OUT

Mr Meagher said that the Commission would give no reply to Mr Packer's letter.

However, Mr Peter Meagher, Q.C., senior counsel assisting the Commission, gave an exclusive interview to ABC Television dealing in general terms with the Packer case. It will be shown on television tonight.

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This was about seven months after a nuclear bomb had been tested there.

RECORD RAIL LINK

By Our New Delhi Correspondent

Indian railways yesterday introduced the longest train service on its network to run between Kanyakumari in the south and Jammu, Kashmir, in the north. The 2,375-mile journey will take 58 hours.

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RENTOKIL BLUNDER PUTS FAMILY UNDER PALL OF CANCER

A 46-YEAR-OLD accountant and his wife and two teenage children must live for the next 20 years under the shadow of contracting cancer because of an appalling blunder by Rentokil.

An untrained workman removing asbestos lagging in the loft of Mr DEREK ADDISON's bungalow let loose a fine cloud of deadly dust which can cause lung cancer and two other forms of the disease asbestos and mesothelioma.

They can take two decades to manifest their deadly presence.

Yesterday Mr Bos Trott, chairman of Barnard Castle magistrates Co. Durham, fined the firm £1,700, said:

"To risk the lives of employees is bad enough. But to risk the lives of the people they are working for, I find unbelievable."

The firm, based at East Grinstead, Sussex, pleaded guilty to two offences under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Mr JAMES SKILLING, prosecuting, said Mr Addison asked the firm to insulate the loft and walls of the bungalow at Cotherstone, near Barnard Castle, remove the asbestos lagging from pipes in the loft and replace it with safer material.

Hatch left open

The Rentokil operative, Mr David FITZPATRICK, wore an inadequate mask, and left the loft hatch open, allowing the dust to float into the bungalow.

He borrowed the family's vacuum cleaner to remove it from the carpets, but the machine was inadequate, and a dust cloud would have drifted into every room.

Finally he took the material away in a plastic bag.

When Mr Addison came home and discovered the blunder, he called in health officials.

Rentokil paid £5,000 to have the bungalow decontaminated, £700 for new carpets, and £1,300 for Mr. Addison, his wife Jill and children Mark, 18, and Sally, 16, to go to Italy for a fortnight while the work was done.

The firm has now issued a new safety code.

After the case Mr Addison said: "It is bad enough for my wife and myself, but we are more worried about the children, who have their whole lives ahead of them. I will be seeing my solicitor."

80 JOBS AT RISK

An engineering firm at Stourbridge, West Midlands, employing 80 workers, is to close by the end of the year because of falling orders. Mardon Engineering hopes to save some jobs when production is transferred to another plant.

Builders offer protection on 'cowboys'

By JOHN PETTY
Commercial Correspondent

UNSCRUPULOUS, unskilled and financially-dubious "cowboy" builders have made a killing at the expense of unwary customers but their days are numbered, the industry claimed yesterday in announcing a guaranteed scheme to protect house-builders.

But it will apply only to contracts worth more than £500, so ruling out many house-build repair jobs.

Customers will have to pay extra for it, ranging from four per cent. of a job worth £500 to one cent. on one worth £2,000 or more. There will also be an upper limit of £25,000.

It was launched by the Building Employers' Confederation, whose president, Mr Michael Millwood, said the industry's reputation had been damaged by a large amount of bad work by so-called builders on the fringe of the industry.

The Office of Fair Trading received 42,000 complaints last year about "cowboy" builders as householders spent £5,000 million on home improvements.

Dramatic leap

The Confederation estimated the "cowboys" creamed off work worth £2,000 million in 650,000 contracts.

"This year the figure is likely to leap dramatically and with it the complaints," it said.

The industry has spent more than five years trying to devise a scheme, but fell foul of the Office of Fair Trading which said original plans would contravene the law on restrictive trading practices.

It has approved a scheme which is really an insurance business rather than a straight guarantee. All 10,000 members of the Confederation will offer the insurance to customers.

CABLE CHIEF TO GO SOLO

Mr Nicholas Mellers, chief executive of the cable network TEN—the Movie Channel since the beginning of the year, has resigned to start his own cable consultancy.

Mr Mellers, who helped to create TEN originally, The Entertainment Network, some 15 months ago, said cable opportunities are now looking better.

"The trough of the recent pessimism about the future of cable has now bottomed out," he claimed. He stressed that there had been no disagreement with TEN's parent company, United Cable Programmes.

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69 pc WANT SUNDAY OPENING

By Our Commercial Correspondent

ANTIQUATED, ridiculous laws which make

Sunday a misery should be abolished. Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council, said yesterday in issuing results of a public opinion poll on the subject.

The poll, commissioned from Market and Opinion Research International, showed that 69 per cent. of people wanted shops to be allowed to open on Sundays.

People polled were asked to state preferences for eight possible pieces of legislation. Opening shops on Sunday came top.

Next came desire for a law to control "telephone-tapping" and then requests that building societies be allowed to run full banking services.

In decreasing order came requests for people to be allowed to vote in elections while away on holiday; introduction of a prosecuting service independent of the police; extension of public house opening times; a ban on straw-burning by farmers; and an increase in deposits.

"We defended Mr Ing to the hilt," he added.

But Mr David Hart, general secretary of the head teachers' association, said yesterday that "differences of opinion" between Mr Ing and ILEA representatives on the governing body eventually led to Mr Ing's suspension.

After negotiations with the National Association of Head Teachers, the governors and the Southwark Diocesan Education Board agreed to suspend Mr Ing, headmaster for 32 years at the 1,000 pupil school, on full pay until he retired.

Meanwhile an acting head has

taken over his duties and the Inner London Education Authority has advertised the post.

In 1978 an ILEA survey

referred to a school where 689

Hurd rules out segregation of Ulster prisoners

By Our Belfast Correspondent

MR HURD, Northern Ireland Secretary of State, yesterday ruled out any form of segregation in Ulster's top security jails between feuding Loyalist and Republican prisoners.

IRA AIDE MISTAKE BY EXPRESS

THE Press Council has partly upheld a complaint against the Daily Express over a report in which a member of the Irish Freedom Movement was described as "a top IRA aide".

The newspaper reported a remark of prisoners encouraging the paramilitaries to apply their own pressures and sanctions against individual inmates within the prisons who do not toe the line of the IRA.

"The Government will not be forced into making changes in prison policy within the prison system under the pressure of a hunger strike,"

Mr Hurd revealed that he was reviewing security at Magilligan Prison in County Londonderry, where protestant Loyalists are demanding segregation from republicans.

The prison authorities are exercising constant vigilance and to minimise attacks on individual prisoners an action force has been set up within the prison.

"At the same time, the prison authorities are trying to establish a better balance between Loyalist and Republican prisoners inside the jail."

"Finally, I cannot emphasise too strongly that this Government has no intention of making changes in prison arrangements under pressure,"

"Emergency powers"

Mr Hurd also disclosed yesterday that the Government may make changes in Ulster's anti-terrorist emergency powers and ordinary criminal law.

Speaking to recruits at the RUC's training depot in Lurgan, County Fermanagh, he said: "During the course of the next year or so I will wish to consider whether, and how, changes might be made in the ordinary criminal law or the emergency powers available to the security forces in Northern Ireland."

"I shall be doing this in the light of changes in England and Wales in the form of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill and in the light of the late Sir George Baker's review of the Prevention of Terrorism Act."

Hidden weapon

Mr Tompson complained that a quote attributed to him "could have been a terrorist carrying a hidden weapon and still have made it into court, was fabricated and could only have been intended to sensationalise his presence."

The Press Council ruled that the Express should not have described Mr Tompson as "a top IRA aide". But it did not uphold the complaint that the newspaper was wrong to describe the Irish Freedom Movement as the "Provo" London mouthpiece.

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Callaghan says new Labour Conference defence policy is 'a great improvement'

FOUR TO ONE MAJORITY FOR STAYING INSIDE NATO

By PETER PRYKE and WALTER ABURN

THE Labour Conference confirmed its support for unilateral nuclear disarmament at Blackpool yesterday but agreed that Britain should stay inside the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The policy, set out in a National Executive Committee statement, won approval from a wide cross-section of the party and was given a majority of four to one on a card vote.

Mr JAMES CALLAGHAN, the former Prime Minister, whose anti-unilateralists were booted at last year's Conference, described the statement as "a great improvement".

However, he again expressed anxiety about the destabilising effects of one-sided disarmament.

The only overt criticism of the NEC came from the Right, when Mr GAVIN LAIRD, general secretary of the engineering workers' union, said it was "a sham" to claim that Britain could stay inside Nato and at the same time give up nuclear weapons.

Mutual dissolution

The betrayal fears of the Left came to the surface when a delegate called on Labour's parliamentary spokesman to stick to the defence policies approved by the party, or not accept their jobs.

Mr ERIC CLARKE (N.U.M.) said some Labour MPs were "too close to Nato, and too close to United States policy."

The NEC statement was approved by 5,552,000 to 1,552,000, a majority of 4,020,000. It said Britain should work with other Socialist parties in Nato for a new security system, involving the mutual dissolution of Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

It also renounced Britain's nuclear weapons and called for the removal of American nuclear weapons and bases from British territory.

A Left-wing resolution from Cathcart, which sought to go further and remove conventional American bases as well, was defeated by 4,285,000 votes to 2,273,000, a majority of 2,022,000.

A further resolution, broadly in line with the NEC statement, was carried with a large majority on a show of hands.

Real horror

Mr BOB TODD, general secretary of the T.G.W.U., opened the defence debate with a demand for a re-examination of disarmament policies adopted at the last two Labour party conferences, which included the removal of all nuclear weapons and bases from Britain.

He said two films televised last week had underlined the importance of that, more than words. They depicted the results of a nuclear attack on Britain in which the few survivors would be deranged and disabled.

A real horror dawned with the realisation of how easily it could all happen — with the super powers locked in a cold war and with any of the 101 different trouble spots around the world which could bring the whole frightening nuclear machine into play within days.

Brave women

Like later speakers, he praised the brave women of Greenham Common — beaten, beaten and abused — and nuclear disarmament campaigners who were continuing their progress.

While Mrs Thatcher had said she wanted real disarmament, she had also said that she wanted real jobs — "and we know what she has done about unemployment."

There was some boozing as Mr CALLAGHAN walked to the

rostrum, but he was given a respectful hearing after an appeal from Mr Heseltine, the conference chairman.

He said that the NEC statement was a great improvement with many things which all of them could support.

"As this is an emergency policy I have hopes we shall be able to come together."

However laudable the objectives of unilateralism, the wrong tactics could make the situation worse. He asked what would be the effect if Moscow if the removal of American bases from Britain led to them being re-established in Germany.

Multilateral action

A unilateral move on bases could also lead to the withdrawal of all American troops from Europe. He could not support unilateralism because it could destabilise the present fragile situation.

"I am in favour of taking unilateral initiatives in order to promote multilateral action," Mr Callaghan said.

Mr GAVIN LAIRD was boozed when he pointed out that it was Soviet, not American, troops in Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

Labour's commitment to rid the country of nuclear weapons was unconditional and unequivocal. They were telling the world that peace was in danger and time was running out.

One more step

Mr STUART BURNETT (Aberdeen North) said the NEC's policy statement on defence and security was commendable. If it failed to go one step far enough, which was to clear the country of all American bases and my union opposes it."

Burial grounds

Mr JAMES KNAPP, general secretary of the National Union of Railways, said it was now being suggested that it was possible to survive a nuclear war.

Though the National Executive would have preferred a resolution, proposed by Liverpool Broad Green, to have been remitted, it was endorsed by a large majority.

The vote came after Dr JOHN CUNNINGHAM, Labour's Environment spokesman in the Commons, gave a warning against playing on Mrs Thatcher's ground by turning the issues into a question of law.

Mr DENZIL DAVIES, Labour's parliamentary spokesman on defence, said the NEC statement set out a policy for the next Labour government which was morally right and militarily sound.

Mr ALEX KIRKON, speaking for the NEC and urging approval for its proposals, said: "The Labour party today has an opportunity to demonstrate clearly the unity behind this document and our credible non-nuclear defence policy."

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

New way to find poll stragglers

JUST as the last General Election was the first to be fought in the constituencies with the aid of C8 Radio, the next could see computerised committee rooms.

At present, people voting are crossed off lists of supporters and teams of 'knockers-up' set out for the stragglers armed with increasingly blurred duplicate pieces of paper bearing their names.

This system of paperwork, known to Labour as the reading system after the town where it was first employed, and to the Conservatives as 'more prosaically' as 'N.C.R.' — 'no carbon required' — could be a thing of the past if a display at Blackpool is anything to go by.

The whole framework of arguments on defence and nuclear policy had changed.

"No one can escape disaster if America and Russia fight a nuclear war — you cannot escape by neutrality or by having an independent national deterrent.

You can only escape by using your influence in our country's British influence — inside Nato."

Mr Todd had rightly argued

is a recent article for an international strategy towards deterrence and disarmament.

"The only thing I ask is that you do not take actions here which make it more difficult to have a conventional strategy by asking the Americans to take their troops out of Europe — because Europeans on their own could not produce an adequate conventional deterrent."

Dr JEREMY BRAY, chairman of the Labour computer advisory group, has suggested that



Defence spokesman: former Prime Minister Mr James Callaghan.

Backing promised for councils who 'break the law'

By WILLIAM WEEKES

FULL support for councils who break the law in defying Government "attacks" on local authorities was promised by the conference when it

backed a resolution which also called on the party leadership to be more unequivocal in defence of the working class.

Labour councils defending their communities against the worst excesses of Mrs Thatcher and her policies."

But he added: "If we turn these issues simply into a question of the law we shall be playing the battle on Mrs Thatcher's ground. That would be one of the biggest errors."

"We must demonstrate from our power base in local government that we are not only a compassionate party, but can advance local services and jobs with skill, initiative and enterprise."

Mr DAVID BLUNKETT, leader of Sheffield City Council, said in his reply to the debate: "Let us not pretend that breaking the law is the objective, because it is not."

"Being martyrs is not what we seek. Martyrs fail. We intend to succeed."

He added, however, that Labour-controlled local authorities did not defend what they stood for by capitulation. All Labour authorities had to stand

together to ensure that services were not destroyed.

A statement to the conference from the National Executive gave support to council forced into confrontation by Government policies. All authorities had to work together to resist cuts in services and jobs, the statement said.

Conference endorsed a composite resolution which attacked the Government's strategy and urged Labour groups to work together in drawing up a common plan to put the maximum pressure on Ministers to change course.

Return of control

The resolution asked the National Executive to prepare plans which would enable the next Labour government to return services and rates to local control. It also said councillors penalised for resisting rates legislation should be recompensed from central government funds.

Mr RODNEY BICKERSTAFFE, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, accused Mrs Thatcher of wanting to strangle and abolish local authority. Her idea of democracy was: "You can do what you like, as long as it is what I say."

Councils could not make cuts on the scale demanded without breaking their statutory obligations to provide services.

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By Nicholas Comfort

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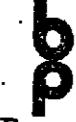
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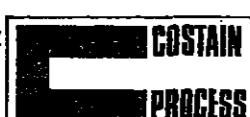
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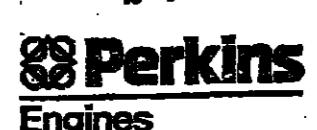
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LIVING IT UP IN LOVELY LACE

THE DAYS

grow shorter and the nights darker, and thoughts turn to party clothes. The big glamour look for this winter looks like lace.

Last year we learnt to love lace on our legs. Now the look has moved on to greater things and is used alluringly, mostly in black and unlined, over arms and necklines, in layers for tutu skirts or hemline bounces. Lace also adds a

whole new dimension and drama to the "little black dress," especially when it's cunningly cut Thirties' style as many outfits are.

Sometimes black lace is layered over jewel coloured taffeta for a dash of subtle colour, pink or purple perhaps. Other lace ideas include tutu-style lace skirts that froth out from tight strapless bodices of black suede or gold lame. Knitwear designer Mary Georgiou uses dramatic black lace

collars and scarves to trim her fluffy white sweaters.

The great thing about lace is that it looks a great deal more expensive than it often is. Many of these outfits will be selling for well under £40. And not all lace is black either. Cream, grey and scarlet are the alternatives on offer, although none are nearly so sophisticated.

Ann Chubb

from a best end-of-neck, matchstick potatoes, carrots and swedes or parsnips.

The cheese fritters are easy and, finally, our old friend hot chocolate sauce, which we have used for ice creams and profiteroles because it never hardens, is now transformed and adapted to this extremely delicious party pudding. Here are the recipes with their guidance notes for helping to save time in the making.

BELOW: scarf-style collar of black lace edged with beads and dotted with diamante for a fluffy white mohair and lambswool sweater. Also in shocking pink, red or blue and small, medium or large sizes by Mary Georgiou from "61" Knightsbridge, London, SW1, and Lisa Stirling, Chester and Manchester, by the end of the month. Pictures by ANTHONY MARSHALL.



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THE RECIPES

YOUNG VEGETABLE MARROW SOUP

INGREDIENTS: 1lb peeled, de-pithed and de-pipped small vegetable marrow or, ideally, courgettes; 1lb raw, unpeeled mushrooms and their stalks; 3 pint single cream; 1oz butter; 1 pint Béchamel sauce; salt and black pepper; 1 fat pinch of caster sugar; 1 pint very strongly reduced veal or pork bone stock.

METHOD: Scald mushrooms in a sieve with boiling water, then chop finely. Slice marrow 1in thick. Steam over hot water until soft. Rub through a tamis or cone-shaped sieve and return to taste with salt, pepper and the sugar. Beat in the chosen stock, then the Béchamel. Add cream. Place in the top of a double saucepan over hot water with the mushrooms. Leave to heat through when required. Remember to rub a small flake of butter over the top surface with the back of a wooden spoon to ensure there is not the slightest possibility of the top "crusting". Serve with three slices of thin-cut brown bread dice, very small and fried in 1oz of rendered down, emulsified pork fat and 1lb oz vegetable oil. Serve in bowls with a tiny extra blob of cream floating on top of each one.

MACKEREL FILLETS WITH HERBS

INGREDIENTS: 1 mackerel weighing at least 14oz; salt; black pepper; 1oz butter; 5fl oz dry white wine. 6oz unskinned, thinly sliced mushrooms; the herb sauce; 1 bouquet garni.

METHOD: Top, tail and remove side fins from the mackerel, pare away the top flesh from the spine bone, divide centrally to form 2 fillets and then pare back the spine bone again. Thus obtain 4 fillets and repeat to make 8. Each mackerel fillet dish should not weigh less than 4oz. Put spine bones and trimmings into a small pan, cover with water and simmer for 12min. Strain and re-immerse fillet until it is reduced to only 5fl oz. Remove herbs and pour fluid in a sauté pan can be well-buttered. Bat the fillets gently, lay in the sauté pan, strew over the sliced mushrooms and their chopped stalks, season lightly with salt and pepper.

FOR THE SAUCE: 2oz fresh fine soft breadcrumbs; 1lb mixed herbs comprising parsley, chervil, shallot, basil; 1/2 a crushed garlic clove; salt; pepper; milk.

on the stock, cover and cook at 400F (Gas 6) one shelf above centre until rice has just absorbed moisture but is still moist and grain-separated. Use to stuff into 3in diameter tartlet cases.

FOR TOMATO FONDUE: 6oz peeled tomatoes softly-poached until collapsed and creamy in 1oz of butter over a low heat.

INGREDIENTS FOR TOURNEOS: 2lb tourneos cut into 23in pieces; fat to fry.

METHOD: Fry the little tourneos briskly at first on each side to seal in the juices, then more gently to required pinkness.

Fill each tartlet case level with its rim with the rice mixture. Set lamb tourneos on tartlets. Spoon a little tomato fondue over, then correct

seasoning lightly with salt and pepper. You could also add a couple of tomatoes and a sprig of watercress tucked into one side.

MATCHSTICK VEGETABLES IN BUTTER

Cut the required amount of scraped carrots into slender strips. Slice a peeled swede 1in thick and cut across in matching strips. Do likewise with large raw parsnips and with celeriac. Pouch the celeriac for a few moments, water to cover, then fry all vegetables in a mixture of oil and butter until crisp and brown. Arrange in little clumps on a flat rectangular platter, scatter with freshly milled parsley heads and a bouquet garni.

CHEESE FRITTERS

INGREDIENTS: 1 pint cold water; 2oz butter; 1oz salt; 4oz sifted self-rising flour; 4 No. 2 eggs; 2oz grated Parmesan or stale Cheddar; oil for deep fryer.

METHOD: Melt butter with water and salt. With a boiling teak, stir in flour, beat vigorously, gradually whipping in the eggs, and whipping until smooth before adding more.

Work in the grated cheese and, when mixture is complete and rather thick, drop small tea-

spoons of it into hot oil. Allow these to puff up and turn golden brown while agitating the pan handle to shake them about. Optionally serve with salted butter.

CHOCOLATE FONDUE WITH ASSORTED FRUITS

SAUCE: 5oz cooking chocolate chips; 2 level tablespoons soft brown sugar (never Demerara); 2oz butter; 1 dessertspoon rum; 2 tablespoons cold water; 4fl oz stiffly-whipped cream.

METHOD: Place scraped cooking chocolate or chips in a small pan. Add sugar and water, then stir over a gentle heat until all is smoothly blended. Beat in the butter gradually in very small flakes. Stir in the rum and gradually stir in the whipped cream. Send to table with a small plate per person and a fondue fork.

FRUIT: INGREDIENTS: 1lb pieces of banana; large slices of dessert apple; segments of peeled peach, nectarine, figs, Victoria plums; or greenages according to season.

Each person spoons a piece of fruit, swirls it in the Chocolate Fondue and eats.

NOTE: Without the cream, this is the chocolate sauce recipe which never goes hard.



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THE '79 LANDMARK

PROPHESIES that Mrs THATCHER's reception at next week's Tory conference would be governed entirely by the state of play in the miners' strike now seem unlikely to be fulfilled. That battle ebbs and flows, and the Government still has much to fear from it. Anything which looked like surrender to Mr SCARGILL could still prove lethal to the Prime Minister; anything which suggested that surrender could only be avoided at a cost too high to be borne would arouse the feeling that the full resources of the law should have been invoked from the start.

As it is, however, all is in suspense, and the conference will, therefore, probably concentrate on its traditional preoccupation—that of showing how vastly superior it is in manners and morals to the Labour conference which immediately precedes it. Ministers may be expected to encourage a broad and long-range assessment of the Government's achievement. In this, they should be helped by a penetrating, far from sycophantic and most engagingly written analysis of the first Thatcher Administration, written by one of its members, Lord BRUCE-GARDYNE, and published today by Macmillan, under the title "Mrs Thatcher's First Administration—The Prophets Confounded." In essence, Lord BRUCE-GARDYNE's argument is that the election of the Thatcher Government in 1979 really does represent a landmark in British political history, though it does not represent a total breach of continuity with the past. The great themes of the Tory party at that election (private enterprise, financial rigour, self-help) were all present in Mr HEATH's Tory campaign of 1970. Mrs THATCHER did not import monetarism into British politics; in that respect, Mr JENKINS and Mr HEALEY had supplied precedents; and, as long ago as 1976, Mr CALLAGHAN, in a moment of sane aberration, had produced, an obituary of Keynesianism.

The difference is simply that Mrs THATCHER, unlike her predecessors, has stuck to her guns. She has sometimes miscalculated, sometimes compromised, sometimes momentarily faltered in relation to means, but she has never lost sight of her objectives. The tenacity she showed over the Falklands, carrying to a successful conclusion an operation which may have been imposed on her but which no other post-war Prime Minister would have persisted in, has been equally evident in her economic policy. And the result? Lord BRUCE-GARDYNE cautiously suggests that (with the aid of what seems to be Labour's intended suicide) she may have produced a new consensus which will permanently exclude from power parties hostile to a free economy. He admits that the Alliance might turn out to be the immediate political beneficiary; but, surely, that nemesis will be less likely if Mrs THATCHER's achievement is properly understood.

MIXED RECEPTION

ACCORDING to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the arrangements reached during two days of meetings in Brussels on Monday and Tuesday represented "a very considerable triumph," which guaranteed "an effective discipline over expenditure" by the European Community in the years ahead. According to the Foreign Secretary, he and his colleagues had "broken the log jam in a way that fully provides for" the rebate on our subscription due in 1985. And the French Agriculture Minister strode out, declaring that "the measures which have been drawn up could strangle the common agricultural policy." Yet according to the German Foreign Minister, what had been agreed was "budget indiscipline," sparked off by British willingness to "put water in the wine." So whom should we believe?

The first point to remember is that French Ministers regularly camouflage agreements to their liking in the rhetoric of outrage. It would be unwise to take Monsieur ROCARIN's indignation at face value. The second point is that, whatever else it does, the agreement does not "fully provide for" our 1985 rebate. Ministers decided that next year's Community budget must be limited to the present legal ceiling of £16,000 million, with a rider that extra funds for agricultural over-spending and the British rebate would be "found," like the baby under the gooseberry bush. Since the Germans insisted that the promised rise in VAT contributions must wait until Spain and Portugal had been voted in, and since that promises to be a protracted affair, our rebate is by no means home and dry.

Nevertheless, the odds are that the Community will muddle through and meet its obligations (including those to us) in 1985 as in 1984. The anxiety of substance relates to long-term discipline. The British Government's original—and desirable—objective was a legally-binding guarantee that the proportion of Community revenues ploughed back into agricultural surpluses would shrink (admittedly as the totality of those resources grew). What we have instead is an honour-code commitment to such shrinkage, subject to arbitration by majority vote in a caucus of Farm and Finance Ministers, coupled with provision for a "claw-back" of agricultural spending over budget in one year during the ensuing two—unless something crops up, that is.

ROUND THE WALL

ONCE AGAIN it is particularly embarrassing for the East German regime to learn that the West German embassy in Prague has been taken over by dozens of East Germans seeking asylum. The would-be defectors have also shown deplorable—from Mr ERNST HONECKER's point of view—timing. This weekend he plays host to Soviet bloc leaders including Mr ANDREI GROMYKO, when the first German "workers and peasants" state will be marking the 50th anniversary of being put together by Red Army tanks and bayonets. More than that, the slogan of the celebrations happens to be "the GDR is my home," which was always good for a hollow laugh bearing in mind that up to half a million people have applied to leave East Germany for the West since the building of the Berlin Wall.

It is difficult to feel sorry for Mr HONECKER but clearly he is having a bad year of it. Desperately anxious for financial credits and know-how from West Germany to prop up his faltering economy, he bent over backwards in the spring to smooth the exit of some well-connected East Germans after a similar bout of asylum-seeking. Next he organised himself an historic trip over the Wall, only for Moscow to sharply tell him to stay at home and shut up. The Russians have no intention of allowing Mr HONECKER to get too close to Chancellor KOHL for fear it would further destabilise an already disaffected population. The East German leader should watch his step.

MICHAEL FIELD, in Paris, traces the latest shift in Western European alignments and what it may hold for Britain and the Common Market

France and Germany fall into step

THE clasped hands of President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl at Verdun on Sept. 22 symbolised today's friendship between France and Germany. This commemoration of the nearly one million dead of 1916 was a dignified epilogue to last June's 40th anniversary of the D-Day landings to which the Germans were not invited.

We ought to be glad that France and Germany have moved so far towards reconciliation, even if they sometimes seem to get on a little too well for our comfort. The suggestion that "those unreliable French" are at it again, this time plotting to create a Franco-German hegemony in Europe, is predictably dismissed as a responsible level in Paris as "an absurd fear." Since we think the French are paranoid about "the Anglo-Saxons," then "to each his own," they say.

The present acceleration of rapprochement between France and Germany has developed naturally from foundations laid 20 years ago by Gen de Gaulle and Dr Adenauer and enshrined in the Elysee Treaty of 1963. It has taken a long time to mature. Judgment should not be hasty.

There is an important new factor: the decision, taken in February, 1982, to activate the dormant military clauses of the 1963 treaty, which provide for consultation on defence at all levels. This was one of President Mitterrand's first acts after he assumed responsibility for foreign policy. A domain reserved for the Presidency by the founder of the Fifth Republic and maintained by his predecessors.

GERMANY looms large in French consciousness. Today's French planners reject the staid comment that they see their old enemy as a glaciator against Russian military encroachment and that this was why Mitterrand pleaded with the Bundestag for Pershings. "We've had our home-made Pershings for 20 years," they point out.

Mitterrand, who was a prisoner of war and a member of the Resistance, believes firmly that today the Germans must feel convinced that the French and the rest of Europe are with them in a dangerous era. If Germany hesitates, there will be no Europe, he thinks. The French Socialists reproach Giscard for his "ambiguity" and praise their own leader's more clear-cut approach.

For some years the six-monthly Franco-German summits have been interspersed with private chats between the leaders. Mitterrand and Kohl have had several. There will be another in Paris next week before the next formal summit at Bad Kreuznach on Oct. 29. Topics are general, with no agenda and only a note-taker present.

M. Mitterrand has had similar informal meetings with other EEC leaders, notably with Mrs Thatcher in the weeks before the

'Red' Ted's rival battles on

COCK-A-HOOPI a few days ago when he learned that his Tory opposite number, Peter Davies, had abruptly resigned. "Red" Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth's Councils ruling Labour group, has had the smile wiped from his face.

The hard man of local government was heard to sneer that his enemy could no longer put up with the rough and tumble of Lambeth politics.

Now Knight has discovered that Davies is to be special political adviser to Kenneth Baker, the newly-appointed junior Environment Minister, with responsibility for clipping the wings of errant councils like Lambeth. Knight doubtless appreciates Lenin's aphorism: "One step backwards so as to take two steps forward."

Meanwhile the mystery concerning Knight's ability to pay for a smart Ford Fiesta equipped with C.B. radio while subsisting on council allowances alone, has been cleared up. It has been lent to him by Clare Taylor, a prominent member of the Workers' Revolutionary Party.

That old readog and Portsmouth-born Prime Minister James Callaghan came across a piece of Navy slang he had not heard before while queuing up for breakfast in his Blackpool hotel yesterday. The man in front of him—a BBC cameraman and former sailor too—cried: "Ah, Spithed pheasant!" A reference, the puzzled Callaghan was told, to the kippers.

Red tapes

THERE is brisk business among those delegates to Blackpool who can not get enough platform oratory. The Wiltshire-based firm, Conference Tapes, is back in the circuit in the winter of the main platform speeches. Neck and neck at the top of its 1984 programme are Monday's mining debate, featuring Arthur Scargill, and Tuesday's speech by Neil Kinnock. But the best seller of the year, I gather, is Dennis Skinner's speech about pensions to last year's conference, which still draws a crowd to the company's stand.

Delegates to the 1985 Conservative conference were slow to buy their leaders' speeches, perhaps because the company tried charging a pound more for each tape than it had at the Labour assembly. The lesson has been learned. At Brighton next week the tapes will be advertised at "a pound less than last year."

Course for pride

MICHEL BOLTRIN, head chef at the Connaught, could be excused some chest-swelling as a guest of honour at Tuesday night's dinner in the Park Lane Hotel marking the completion of the United Kingdom quarter-final in the Prix Pierre Taittinger.

John Dicken, 27, and Kevin Cape.



Bearing a gift

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROTECTION OF A SUBMARINE

From Mr JONATHAN SAYEED, M.P. (Con.)

SIR—Following the Prime Minister's letters, I trust that the institution that the Belgrano was sunk in order to scupper the Peruvian peace talks will be dropped.

However, some may well continue to persist in believing that the sinking was for some sinister motive unless they recognise that there are other logical explanations for what happened to the Belgrano and the subsequent reaction of the Government.

It has nevertheless denied all over Paris that Schmidt was doing more than flying a kite and trying to stir up "thought" on defence. His ideas certainly cannot be sold to either the French or German electorates. There is a limit to "closeness." There is now a good basic entente between the two countries. Anything more must be within a wider European context.

Present French defence doctrine forbids such extravagances which could undermine the existing French consensus on "independent" defence, alienating Gaullists, Communists and many Socialists.

Mitterrand has shown that he is in both domestic and foreign affairs, a pragmatist. But this late convert to his own form of socialism is also a dreamer. Relaxing over lunch in the Landes, he and Schmidt seem to have indulged in a few fantasies of the far future, of a re-united Europe (from the Atlantic to the Ural) freed from the grip of the hated "blocks."

But while they are not preparing to disrupt the status quo, the French are dead set on a discussion of European defence and are quite serious about resuscitating the Western European Union as a forum. They are worried about the "irresponsible" behaviour of smaller European countries and of the growth of pacifism in a dangerous world.

THE absence of a pacifist "survivor lobby" in France is attributed by political leaders to the fact that the people know that it is their own President who has his finger on their own, private, nuclear button. The spread of pacifism in Western Europe is seen as a by-product of Nato's excessive "integration." This is not anti-Americanism, the French say, but a responsible awareness which the Americans welcome.

President Mitterrand, who is 68, will be the guest of the Queen in London from Oct. 23-26. A strong, aloof, personality, he shows characteristics similar to de Gaulle, his predecessor and political rival, but he lacks the anti-British resentment which spoilt de Gaulle for most of us.

Influential people in Paris today think that Britain and France should work more closely together. This may be temperamentally difficult. Certainly, however, it is no time for congenitally hostile reflexes—on either side.

This brings me to the second point. Advertising in the local papers giving frequencies and such programmes of specialist interest, such as tropical agriculture or medicine would increase the audience, especially among the "opinion former."

It is not appreciated in Britain how our influence is slipping. The dominant language is the short wave frequencies in West Africa is French. Even the English language service of other countries is stronger than the BBC. "The Voice of America" is clear on many frequencies, so is Radio Moscow, Australia and South Africa.

Yet the BBC has an unparalleled reputation for impartiality and people turn to it instinctively in times of world crisis. With only modest expenditure in two ways, first, the reception must be improved. Nigeria is the largest English-speaking country in Africa and yet few Nigerian anti-Apartheid listeners regularly and most do not even know the frequencies.

This brings me to the second point. Advertising in the local papers giving frequencies and such programmes of specialist interest, such as tropical agriculture or medicine would increase the audience, especially among the "opinion former."

Full marks to the students who, on discovering that sections of the book promoted homosexuality and abortion, made a fuss.

The Media Office asserts that "at that time nothing could be done." Why ever not? Surely the principal could have issued a disclaimer or had the book withdrawn? Since she did neither, the book had to stand on its own merits like any other publication. If, as suggested, I had taken the somewhat impudent step of challenging the college authorities on it, how would this have improved the position?

But Jack Blackham, the Australian wicket-keeper played in the first Test of all in 1877 with Ned Gregory and then 15 years later with Gregory's son Sd. Most recently the Pakistani Sarfaraz Nawaz and Zahoor Abbas have both played Test cricket with Mohamad and his son Shoaib, who won his first cap earlier this year.

With regard to the booklets produced by the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, I was aware, as a Catholic and a governor of a London Catholic school, that some of the sex education material produced by the CMAC in conjunction with the Westminster Religious Education Centre had aroused the concern of Cardinal Hume and as a result was revised.

But the booklets I mentioned were, at time of writing, still available in their original form, and they included others than those published in association with WREC. One, for instance, is "Education Counselling—a handbook for counsellors" which discusses, among other matters, tactics for winning over parents to sex education schemes.

May we please now have an assurance that these books will not be used in Catholic schools until the necessary revisions have been made? An assurance to this effect would do a great deal to remove that parental distress to which Mgr James Hook refers.

JOANNA BOGLE
Wallingford, Surrey.

Can such things be?

SIR—The following notice was on the door of the Job Centre at Woodbridge, Suffolk. "This office will be closed for lunch 12.30-1.30 owing to staff shortage."

(Mrs) A. BUSH
Bromeswell, Suffolk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

crew, messages would be electronically condensed so that transmission and receiving times were short, since a submarine is most vulnerable when close to the surface and when her signals can be used to plot her position. It is therefore feasible for the captain of the Conqueror to have informed the Ministry of Defence of the Belgrano's new course, and to have received instructions to engage the cruiser and to have sunk her before taking up listening watch again.

The Government is quite properly reluctant about disclosing information about operational procedures which can be useful to potential enemies. It would also be right to withhold information which might embarrass our allies. It would not, for example, be desirable to disclose information which could confirm the suggestion which has been made in the Press, that even while playing the role of even-handed peacemaker, the United States permitted us to use their satellites for ground and sea surveillance and as message relay stations.

I have no sources of information other than those publicly available and therefore have no way of knowing whether these suggestions are correct. I believe that from the information which is available, we can deduce the motives behind the Government's reticence which are not sinister but which arise from the need to maintain our security and support our allies.

JONATHAN SAYEED
House of Commons.

Lost at sea

SIR—As the son of a Royal Marines captain, lost at sea in the sinking of the Bonaventure in 1951, I am grateful that Mr Tony Benn, M.P., has not directed their energies towards demanding inquiries into the loss of every single ship in the British Navy.

If they had any feelings for the families of missing Service personnel perhaps they would have done so.

H. J. G. HAYTER
Winkfield, Berks.

Shivers at the sight of conference faces

SIR—Congratulations on your leader of Oct. 1 about intimidation. We have been waiting for someone with clout to emphasise this point. It is not a side issue.

The effects of the violence and intimidation of the law is crucial. They are going to matter increasingly long after this particular strike has faded.

The tolerance of threats to families and of weapons is a major step on an increasingly very slippery slope down to mafia-like gang rule, and on to anarchism.

Yesterday: tomatoes and stones; today: boulders, catapults, knives and airguns; tomorrow: petrol bombs, fire, firearms and TNT. The sky is the limit.

If a catapult is acceptable, why not an airgun? Each step is only a shade of difference.

Not so long ago such intimidation of families was unthinkable in Britain, only something for "lesser breeds without the Law."

Most of us who saw the rise of the Nazi Terror get shivers down the spine on watching the television exposure of the present Labour conference.

There is a succession, one after another, of hate filled, scowling faces each trying to make his mark on the hierarchy by outdoing his predecessor in radical and bitter views. Rantings and ravings outdo Hitler.

Can these really be solid, sensible Britons who claim honestly to believe that our wretched policemen are the cause of the violence? Even if many are unaware of the radicals' axiomatic reaction of always attacking police behaviour as a means of diverting attention from their own actions, can they honestly swallow it? It is standing truth on its head.

The sinister thing is that the individual members know damn well, whatever they publicly vote, that better selves don't believe it.

If they can be dishonest to that extent (including Mr Benn of a lie, is he a lie? a fame), what citizen can believe anything they say?

Time to step back from the abyss.

R. B. BRUCE LOCKHART
Kendal, Cumbria.

Children beyond control

SIR—I completely agree with Mr John Izicki (article, "Out of Control," Nine, Sept. 24). I am appalled at the behaviour and language of many children

I expect many people reading this will say: "Not another old fuddy-duddy!" I am, in fact, a 25-year-old mother of a three-month-old daughter, about whose future I am considerably concerned.

I attended a church school from 1970-75 where all the old standards applied and pupils were taught to become reasonable members of society. Surely it is time that all schools reverted to these standards and, even more important, all parents took an interest in their children's whereabouts and behaviour.

If nothing is done, Britain will continue on its slide towards anarchy.

Even now it may be too late; has anyone considered what kind of parents these children will become? I shudder to think.



Peruvian bishops bow to Pope on 'Liberation' issue

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

PERUVIAN bishops summoned to the Vatican for consultations about the controversial "theology of liberation" are believed to have bowed to the Pope's conservative line.

A document drawn up by the eight Peruvian bishops during their bitter consultations with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, resident of the "Sacred Congregation for the doctrine of the Faith," which called the unprecedented summit, and other top Vatican theologians was being kept secret last night.

"Liberation Theology," which has taken such a firm hold throughout Latin America, lays down that Roman Catholic clergy should side with the people in their struggle against oppressive Right-wing regimes.

It insists, too, that the Church should become class-oriented and restructured from the grass roots upwards instead of leaving its administration to the hierarchy.

Another part of the movement's philosophy is that the Church should ally itself with the masses in "liberation," even resorting to the use of weapons if necessary.

BISHOP SIDESTEES TROUBLE

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

THE Church of England House of Bishops, meeting in London yesterday, kept clear of the doctrinal controversy aroused by the new Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins.

A paper from clerics in north-east England calling for a statement from the bishops on where they stood on the doctrine of the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection, both questioned by Dr Jenkins, was not discussed.

But the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, who presided at the meeting, said the paper might be considered in a theological discussion at an informal meeting of bishops today.

Dr Runcie said yesterday's meeting stuck to the agenda arranged several weeks ago.

"Doctrinal matters, as well as liturgical and administrative matters, were all discussed as is customary at a bishops' meeting, but I can't make any statement," he said.

Not so far

Asked if the bishops had discussed the paper sent to them by clerics in the north-east, he said: "Not so far, it was only received by me this morning."

"Quite honestly, I have not yet studied it, but I am going to read it tonight."

Asked if it might then be discussed at today's meeting, he replied: "All things are possible."

The four-page paper from the North East Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, formed by clerics in Durham and Newcastle, who believe that the Church should take a strong stand to be "at the service of the poor."

It asks if the consecration of Dr Jenkins marks a chance in the Church's past insistence on bishops adhering to Church teaching and says: "We would be most grateful for the Archbishop's clarification."

£4m BOND WINNER

This month's £250,000 Premium Bond jackpot has been won by bond number 821 737354. The winner lives in Dumbartonshire.

GLC's anti-abolition spending 'is unlawful'

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

THE Labour group controlling the Greater London Council has acted unlawfully in the way it has funded part of its £1.2 million propaganda campaign to oppose the council's abolition, according to a report from the District Auditor.

Mr Brian Skinner, the metropolitan district auditor, told Mr Ken Livingstone, and his colleagues that they have no power under Section 142 or Section III of the 1972 Local Government Act to do so.

Though he found that the GLC has power under another section, the decision could well cause problems for the Labour group at County Hall and councils in other parts of Britain.

For under Section 137, which gives the council the power to incur expenditure which is in the interests of the inhabitants of the area, the GLC has already committed the £50 million it is allowed to grants to industry, arts and minority groups.

It may have no room for the £6.7 million campaign, this year.

Mr Skinner says the whole of the 1983-84 "Awareness Campaign" budget of £1.6 million can be charged to the Section 137 account which last year amounted to only £50 million. But the position is different this year, when the council has budgeted already to spend the £50 million product of a 2% rate.

There will be a loss of about £1 million a week in revenue unless council tenants follow the advice of town hall officials to pay money direct into its Co-operative Bank account or through National Giro.

Model employer

The clash between Nalgo and the council, regarded as being a model employer, follows claims that new technology is being introduced without union agreement.

The union now plan to cut off the council's cash flow by closing the Treasurer's Department and also taking action in other key departments if a solution cannot be found quickly.

Refusal to move

On Merseyside, the Labour-controlled St Helen's Council came to a standstill yesterday when 14 Nalgo computer staff were suspended for refusing to move to a new office.

The union's regional officer, Mr Ernest Baxendale, claimed the council was acting "like

19th century mill owners."

KASPAROV AGREES TO DRAW

By B. H. WOOD
Chess Correspondent

A COLOURLESS draw in the World Chess Championship yesterday left the defending champion Anatoly Karpov 3-0 in the lead after one-third of the 24-game match.

Wojciech Morawski wins six games takes the title.

The challenger Gary Kasparov accepted the second of two offers of an agreed draw.

Milan Vidmar, a famous grand master of a few decades ago, used to say "If you suffer a shock in chess, make sure you draw the next game."

Reeling after two successive defeats in games six and seven, Karpov will have recovered his equilibrium a little, even though one more game has been chopped off the number left for him to pull back.

Karpov's 10th and 11th were teasing moves, almost saying "I'd be perfectly happy to repeat moves and draw." He, of course, is content to keep his valuable lead, especially with the black pieces.

The ninth game starts at 5 p.m. our time tomorrow.

Catalan v Queen's Gambit Accepted

Karpov White

1 P-Q4

2 N-QB3

3 B-QB4

4 B-N2

5 N-QB3

6 P-QN4

7 Q-B2

8 Q-BP

9 Q-B2

10 Q-B2

11 Q-B1

12 B-K3

13 N-Q3

14 N-B1

15 N-Q3

16 N-B1

17 N-Q3

18 Q-B2

19 Q-B2

20 R-Q1-QB1

Draw agreed

LIBEL DAMAGES FOR FORMER ROLLS CHIEF

Lord McFadzean of Kelvin-side, the former chairman of Rolls-Royce, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he was responsible for substantial losses by the company in 1982. The allegations appeared in the *Sunday Express* in March 1983.

His counsel, Mr Thomas Shields, told Mr Justice Park that the article gave the impression that losses, by the company were due to the quality of financial management and the conduct of Rolls-Royce's affairs under the chairmanship of Lord McFadzean.

That impression was without foundation and untrue. The newspaper's Publishers' Express, its editor, Mr John Jones, and journalist, Mr Gordon Leek, now acknowledged that, and apologised unreservedly. Because of the undoubted distress and embarrassment caused to Lord McFadzean, the newspaper agreed to apologise, pay the substantial, undisclosed damages and his legal costs.

HEATH LEFT PHOTOS OF HIS FATHER

By Our Estates Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, has been left photographs of his late father in his will of his stepmother, Mrs Edith May Heath, published yesterday.

Mr Heath, of Villiers House, Francis Road, Broadstairs, Kent, died in August, aged 65, leaving estate valued at £54,396 net (£54,896 gross).

She left Mr Heath "such of her furniture and other effects, including photographs and photograph albums and the like as he may wish to have in memory of his late father."

Mr John McDonnell, deputy leader of the council, said the decision had justified the council's position and that they would study the ruling closely.

If councils have been found to have exceeded their powers, councillors can be liable to sue for the excess money and disqualification from office if they are found to have acted irresponsibly.

Close study

If there was no room to debit the account, the spending could not be authorised under Section 137 or any other power, said Mr Skinner.

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SCUSA and Iceland on offer

TWO OFFERS for sale are advertised today. SCUSA Inc, the United States arm of Seamen's Centres, is mounting an offer for sale, arranged by Kleinwort Benson, of 11.6m shares of company, at 104p each. In addition the group is issuing 6m shares to the minority underwriters and 3.5m to the restors of the proposed acquisition Holmes Protection Inc.

This will reduce Security Centres holding from 50.25 p.c. to 32.67 p.c. and the shares which are listed on the unlisted securities market will move on to a full listing.

Application lists open on Tuesday.

Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings is offering 25.8 p.c. of its equity, 8.8m shares at 210p each. The group multiple retailer of frozen foods operates from 81 stores where it also sells a range of groceries, chilled products, domestic freezers and micro-wave ovens.

Bankers to the offer for a full listing are N. M. Rothschild and Sons and application lists open on Tuesday.

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UNIT TRUST PRICES

UNIT trust prices are unavoidably held over today because of the pressure on space. We apologise for any inconvenience to readers.

Amstrad tops £9m

AMSTRAD Consumer Electronics reports pre-tax profits of £9.12m for the year ended June 30 compared with £8.6m on a turnover up from £51.5m to £84.9m. The current year has started off well, the board says.

The final dividend is raised from 6.5p to 8.5p a share, making 8.5p for the year (6.5p), payable Nov. 29.

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Chubb rejection

CHUBB yesterday firmly rejected Racial's improved final offer and says it will write to shareholders setting out its reasons why they should reject the current bid after Racial produced its new offer document expected today.

Brooke Bond 'no'

BROOKE BOND yesterday claimed it had no extended £23m takeover bid it deemed "unfair". It said the fundamental flaw of the 113p all-cash offer is that it is "unacceptably low" and does not allow Brooke Bond shareholders to participate in future growth.

Wates stake

SCOTTISH Amicable Investment Managers, acting on behalf of funds under its management yesterday emerged with 25.5 per cent. stake in the City of London Properties following the allocation of shares on the offer for sale.

Applications for the 41m ordinary shares in WLCI were received for a total of almost 6m shares. All offers have been made and full for application of up to 750,000 shares.

Applications for over 750,000 have been allotted 88 p.c.

Letters of acceptance will be posted tomorrow and dealings on the ordinary shares will commence on Monday.

Fleet prospects

LORD MATTHEWS, chairman of Fleet Holdings, yesterday told shareholders that, despite the flurry of recent takeover speculation "I don't see any action" on the horizon and I never did," said Lord Matthews, who said that he expected to see further profits growth of 10 per cent this year from Fleet, despite the fact that the board was concerned about the 15 p.c. stake held by rival newspaper proprietor Robert Maxwell.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM IAN CBS Gen 172.70 - 0.60 BRUSSELS Stock Index 161.65 - 0.17 FRANKFURT Dax 1,053.00 - 2.50 HONGKONG Hang Seng ... CLOSED NEW YORK Dow Jones ... 1,162.86 - 8.50 PARIS CAC General 178.50 - 0.40 STOKE ... 741.90 + 3.10 TOKYO ... 10,557.35 + 47.14 ZURICH Credit Suisse 306.30 - 0.80

U.S. RATES

Federal funds 11.00 p.c. (11.5 p.c.) Treasury 3m onth bills 10.14-16.69 (10.27-22.5) Long bonds 12.39 p.c. (12.32 p.c.)

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Industrial Group 526.99 (+2.17)

500 ... 574.59 (+1.18)

All-Share 526.79 (+1.38)

Matthey rescue terms upset institutions

By ANNE SEGALL

HEADS rolled yesterday at Johnson Matthey, the troubled metal refining and chemicals group, amid signs of a major revolt by institutional shareholders against the terms exacted by Charter Consolidated for its part in Monday's dramatic early morning rescue of the company and its bankrupt banking subsidiary.

In a terse statement, Johnson Matthey announced the resignation "with immediate effect" of directors of the company responsible for the running of the banking subsidiary Johnson Matthey Bankers. They are "Ernie" Pateman, chairman of the bank; Paul Varral, deputy chairman; and Roy Wheeler, managing director.

Their departure follows Monday's resignation of Ronald Hewitt, Johnson Matthey chairman.

In the City, there was some relief that the resignations have been confined to directors responsible for the bank, thus removing fears that the rest of the group may also be in trouble.

Johnson Matthey shares ended the day up at 104p against 257p when they were suspended on Monday.

The resignations failed, however, to appease Johnson Matthey's institutional shareholders. They plan to meet at the headquarters of the Prudential Assurance Company tomorrow to discuss the terms of Monday's rescue and possibly organise a concerted response.

It is understood the Bank of England may be invited to attend in order to explain the circumstances surrounding the rescue which was prompted by the startling discovery of £150 million worth of bad loans on the deal struck with Charter.

Johnson Matthey and its advisers, merchant bankers S. G. Warburg, yesterday defended

MOST houses belong to the people who live in them. How many businesses belong to the people who work in them?

How many people directly own any share in any business? Our property-owning democracy provides for comfort and shelter, but stops short of the creation of wealth.

The Government now aspires to bring that barrier down. Treasury minister John Moore yesterday set out a manifesto: "Our aim is to establish a people's capital market, to bring capitalism to the place of work, to the high street and even to the home."

First and most simply, it is what people want, says Mr Moore. It will serve to blur the distinction between the "two sides of industry" between earner and owner. It should sharpen business up. And once shares are spread into many millions of hands it will be hard for another Government to take them all back.

What, though, can this Government claim? Mr Moore points to half a million people who since 1979 have been brought into profit-sharing schemes or have received share options.

For privatisation, he says that many employees took the chance to hold shares in their company. Yet neither achievement amounts to widespread individual ownership. We are still miles away from that.

"The aim," says Mr Moore, "is not just to get the Telecom stock sold. It is to awaken people's minds to what for most of them is a new concept — the ownership of shares."

Even the best advertising cannot do that by itself. Marketing and distribution have to move in step. Thus far, the whole privatisation programme has been handled by a few merchant banks and big brokers — experts in the wholesale financial markets, but not in selling to a mass market.

When Britoil was offered for sale, copies of the prospectus were solemnly sent out to post offices. What first-time shareholder would seek advice across a post office

CITY COMMENT

Beating the path to share ownership

counter? What post office clerk would guide his hand across an

second glance must find a lot of difficulties.

But if Mr Moore put his marketing in the hands of Marks & Spencer he would still have to answer for a tax system slanted against the personal ownership of shares. All the major tax advantages work the other way — channelling savings into life assurance, into pension funds and, of course, into houses.

A Chancellor whose first Budget halved stamp duty, took off the investment income surcharge, and ended tax relief on life assurance premiums has moved closer to neutrality in his treatment of savings. His colleague Mr Fowler, pushing forward with personal pension schemes, is moving in the same direction. But the hardest changes remain to be made.

The switch from insured to pooled and from pooled to self-managed funds largely explains why a quarter of the funds have changed managers in the past five years. But others had changed managers or appointed additional managers in pursuit of better performance.

The trustees are still relatively modest in their objectives, however, and most are happy if their funds are in the top 25 p.c. of the performance table or the top performing pooled funds.

Four out of five rated consistently of investment performance and the calibre of people they deal with higher than any crude short-term performance rating.

In other words, the average fund manager stands a good chance of retaining his client for five years with only average performance. Only half the funds specifically valued in-house research or expertise in foreign markets.

Fewer than one in five showed any great interest in modern portfolio theory, and only one in ten set any great store by beta analysis. Three quarters wants to see unitisation of existing funds or new schemes based on money purchase. Almost a third still handle in-house pension details manually. Perhaps the most telling comment, however, is that a quarter of all companies have two separate schemes for different classes of employees and 15 p.c. have three or more schemes operating.

New trends in pensions

MANAGING pension funds in Britain is still, for better or worse, a cottage industry. But it is not entirely static in its outlook or its objectives, according to a survey of

Turner & Newall off the banks' sick list

Davy hit by Russian losses

DAVY Corporation has again been forced to make a major provision in its accounts for the year to end-March against losses on the construction of an alpha olefins plant in Russia, following a £10 million write-off in the previous year, said Peter Benson, chairman at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

He added that the problems are being solved. The amount this time is not being disclosed.

With the shares up 3p, at 86p, he is well on course to receive the maximum. He has so far drawn a third of the special

comfortably cover group United payments.

TO ALL LONRHO SHAREHOLDERS

3rd October, 1984

Dear Shareholder

There has been some publicity over your Company's holding in House of Fraser, and I thought that today, immediately after the end of our financial year, I should write to you in advance of the Annual Report to give the view of your Board on the future of this investment, and how it affects Lonrho shareholders.

Lonrho's overall state of health is excellent. Our accounts will show that in our seventy-fifth year, profits will be a record, with cash balances of over one hundred million pounds. The interim dividend, which was the highest ever declared by Lonrho, was paid on 1st October. The financial year now starting will, I am convinced, show further improvement. I feel particularly optimistic because we have achieved such a wide spread of assets in the last few years.

Against this background you need feel little concern when reading that some of Lonrho's resolutions, offered to House of Fraser shareholders last week, were rejected. The position is not quite as cut and dried as reported in the Press. Only two out of the five resolutions affecting Lonrho were defeated, and by a narrow margin.

The two resolutions to preserve the separate assets of Harrods, and therefore the option to demerge that company from the rest of the House of Fraser Group, proved popular with shareholders, and were carried by an average of four million shares. Electing two Lonrho nominees to a hostile Board we knew to be difficult, but still Mr Robinson and Mr Spicer each had over forty-eight per cent of the votes cast, which I regard as most encouraging. My own contribution seems to be valued by shareholders of House of Fraser as, even after subtracting the Lonrho vote, I was handsomely re-elected. The total vote was just under ninety-eight million in favour versus thirty-four million against. On the other hand, a massive fifty per cent of shareholders failed to vote at all in support of the Chairman of House of Fraser, Professor Smith, even after the concerted efforts of the House of Fraser Board which hired expensive assistants to canvass votes.

In the view of Lonrho's Board, we have received increasing support for some constructive and sensible propositions which will sooner or later win the day.

To Lonrho shareholders, the thirty per cent holding presently shows a market surplus of seventy-one million pounds over cost. Most of this risk is attributable to our original offer for the shares and our demerger proposals. In addition to the indicated surplus, Lonrho has received dividends of twenty-five million pounds. Our investment in House of Fraser has therefore shown, over the seven years of Lonrho's interest, a highly attractive notional gross return of twenty-seven per cent annum. We have additional resources available to bid for the outstanding seventy per cent, immediately, were the Monopolies Commission to agree. We also have the option to sell our strategic holding and have recently been approached to sell by more than one buyer.

The Lonrho Board feel that, in the interests of Lonrho and House of Fraser shareholders, we should continue to advocate demerger, which is such an attractive idea, and while support increases, we should maintain the policies towards House of Fraser which we have been pursuing until now. Whatever the obstacles put in the way of a bid, patient persistence will overcome them one by one. We are currently appearing for the third time at the Monopolies Commission, in order to win the right to bid.

As our Annual Report does not appear until early next year, I hope you will find this brief outline of the position reassuring and useful.

Yours Sincerely,

TINY ROWLAND

This letter is also being sent to House of Fraser shareholders

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COMPANIES

Brown & Jackson profits slump

Brown & Jackson's first half pre-tax profits are down from £1.6m to £134,000. The figure however included an extraordinary credit of £1.5m that is not being run out at this time, and the group has also suffered a setback on the commodity trading side.

This accounted for almost 40% of net profits in the 1983 half but volatile commodity prices have more than offset this and had what the group terms a negative effect of £143,000 on this latest half. All other subsidiaries traded satisfactorily and liquidity remains strong.

There are no interim ordinary or preference dividends as the deficit on revenue reserves is not yet eliminated.

Breville Europe

FOLLOWING a dive into the red, Breville Europe is leaving the dividend list — 4.5p total last time — and warns it will take some time to achieve a return to profitability.

Pre-tax profits of £1.1m have been reduced by losses of £411,000 for the year ended June on turnover of £1.88m against £1.2m.

The sandwich toaster market, it says, is still the most important segment for Breville. Stocks in the trade have been significantly reduced, but Breville's remain high relative to sales.

CPS Computer

CPS COMPUTER Group has acquired Lames Commercial Computing and Lamex Computing Services for £245,500, of which 165,500

will be satisfied by CPS shares and the balance in cash.

Lamex Commercial's pre-tax profits for the year ended Aug. 31, 1983, are expected to be around £24,000, and net assets at that date £45,000. The remaining tangible assets were £25,000 for the year ended Feb. 28 and net assets £11,000.

At the same time, CPS has sold CPS Data Entry International for some £84,000 and will dispose of CPS Computing's business for about £48,000.

Dataserv

OPENING half pre-tax profits from Dataserv, the IBM computer leasing group, are down from \$181,000 to \$867,000, but the board says that they are in line with budget and they expect the first year's return to show a substantial improvement over 1983's 57.17m.

Profits in the first half reflected the significant costs incurred in recruiting and training field engineers and the seasonal bias of the business.

The British business performed well and the West German operations are recovering.

The group is paying an interim dividend of 0.6 cents on Nov. 25, against a forecast 0.5p cents made at the time of the group's

offer for sale in April 1983. Earnings were 1.58 cents (5.51 cents).

Galliford

SHARES in Galliford, the Leicester-based building construction engineering group, have fallen 5p to 59p since following the news that talks which might have led to an offer for the company have been terminated.

The news came together with Galliford's full year results which revealed a fall in pre-tax profits from £2.88m to £2.18m, despite higher turnover of 7.73m (£28.7m).

COMMODITIES

Gold improves

COMMERCIAL demand and a weaker dollar saw the London gold price end at \$35.45 on Aug. 29, an ounce yesterday in moderate turnover. Gold shares followed with the FT Gold Mine Index 21.8 points higher at 580.5.

The London spot silver price advanced by 4.5p to 66.5p an ounce.

LONDON METAL MARKETS

BRITISH Metal reports: Copper: Steadily. Zinc: Zinc bars off 1.5p to 1.75p. Lead: 1.5p to 1.65p. Tin: 1.5p to 1.75p. Zinc: 1.5p to 1.65p. Lead: 1.5p to 1.65p. Tin: 1.5p to 1.65p.

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Copies of this prospectus, having attached thereto copies of the documents specified herein, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the ordinary shares of Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings plc ("the Company") issued and now being issued to be admitted to the Official List.

This prospectus includes particulars given in compliance with the regulations of the Council of The Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company and its subsidiary companies (together "Iceland" or "the Group"). The directors have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated herein are true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which would make misleading any statement herein whether of fact or of opinion.

All the directors accept responsibility accordingly.

The application list will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 8th October, 1984 and may be closed at any time thereafter. The procedure for application is set out at the end of this prospectus.

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Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings plc

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980)

Offer for Sale

by

N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited

of 3,835,928 ordinary shares of 10p each at a price of 210p per share, payable in full on application

KEY INFORMATION

The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of this prospectus.

Business

Iceland is a multiple retailer of frozen foods and also sells a limited range of groceries, chilled products, domestic freezers and microwave ovens. Its 81 stores are organised into 9 geographical divisions and each sells a wide range of products covering between 600 and 1,000 lines depending on store size. Iceland operates a central cold storage and warehousing facility and its own distribution fleet.

Profit record and forecast

	Turnover £'000	Profit before taxation £'000	Profit after taxation £'000
52 weeks to 29th December, 1979	5,628	152	152
53 weeks to 3rd January, 1981	8,642	372	372
52 weeks to 2nd January, 1982	14,099	503	477
52 weeks to 1st January, 1983	23,586	789	734
52 weeks to 31st December, 1983	46,536	1,819	1,722
52 weeks to 30th June, 1984	29,053	1,455	1,380
Forecast for			
52 weeks to 29th December, 1984	Not less than	2,800	2,682

Offer for Sale statistics

Offer for Sale price per share	210p
Number of ordinary shares in issue following the Offer for Sale	14.3 million
Market capitalisation at Offer for Sale price	£30.0 million
Percentage of issued ordinary share capital being offered for sale	28.8 per cent.
*Earnings per share based on forecast profit	
(i) after actual tax charge	17.6p
(ii) assuming a notional tax charge of 46.25 per cent.	10.7p
*Price earnings multiple based on forecast profit	
(i) after actual tax charge	11.9 times
(ii) assuming a notional tax charge of 46.25 per cent	19.6 times
*Notional dividend per share in respect of the 52 weeks to 29th December, 1984	6.0p
*Gross dividend yield at Offer for Sale price	4.1 per cent.
*Dividend cover based on forecast profit after actual tax charge	2.9 times
*Net tangible assets attributable to ordinary shareholders at 30th June, 1984	£6.1 million
*Net tangible assets per ordinary share	42.7p
*The basis of calculation of these statistics is set out below in "Profit Forecast and Dividend Policy", "Offer for Sale Statistics" and paragraph 9 of Appendix V.	

INTRODUCTION AND COMPANY PHILOSOPHY

Iceland is a specialist retailer of frozen foods offering a wide range of branded and own label products. 40 per cent. of frozen food turnover comprises own label products. All manufacturing is contracted out.

Iceland is based at a modern purpose-built office and distribution complex near Chester and supplies its 81 stores in England and Wales with 91 per cent. of products by turnover on a central distribution basis with an 18 hour re-order/delivery cycle.

Iceland's role as a specialist enables it to create additional demand for frozen foods in an already expanding market. The wide and innovative product range and bright, clean and well-lit stores emphasise the specialist image. The ideal Iceland store has a sales area of 5-6,000 sq. ft. with up to 85 clear-topped chest freezers, supported by open display freezers, a range of grocery and chilled products together with a freezer and microwave display area.

High quality is the first consideration and the professionalism with which this is sought in the shopping environment is extended into all other areas of operation.

Foundations for the future were laid at an early stage with tight management controls and systems. New technology is pursued wherever possible, particularly in the field of computers.

Iceland has a highly motivated management team. Over the years a deliberate effort has been made to foster and encourage a sense of pride, commitment and enthusiasm among staff at all levels, which has developed into a strong and distinctive corporate culture.

The directors see this as an important ingredient in Iceland's success and a strong stimulus to future development.

HISTORY

Iceland's period of rapid growth as a freezer centre specialist began in 1978 with the opening of the first outlet selling only packaged frozen foods.

By this time, Malcolm Walker and Peter Hinchcliffe were already well established as retailers of frozen foods under the Iceland name, having developed a chain of small shops selling mainly loose frozen food which was purchased in bulk and re-sold by weight in small quantities.

The first Iceland shop was opened in Oswestry, Shropshire in 1970. Using the positive cash flow from that store, two North Wales outlets were opened in 1971. By 1973 a 20,000 cu. ft. cold store had been acquired in Rhyl as a central storage depot from which the growing chain of stores was supplied.

After the opening of the first freezer centre in 1978, the sale of loose frozen foods was phased out, existing stores being re-fitted and extended where possible. The present trading style began to develop from this point.

The above charts are based on figures stated elsewhere in this prospectus with the exception of Sales per Employee which is obtained by dividing the average number of full-time employees (part-time employees being converted to their full-time equivalent) during the relevant year into the sales for the year.

Iceland was by then expanding into the North West. Growth ran side by side with the development of tight management controls which have been maintained ever since.

By the end of 1978, Iceland had 28 outlets and had relocated the cold storage and head office function to a 4 acre site at the newly developed Deeside Industrial Park near Chester and built a 250,000 cu. ft. cold store.

An IBM System 34 computer was purchased and linked to the warehousing operation to facilitate stock distribution. A programme of computerisation of all main systems was commenced.

During 1980, Iceland opened 11 new stores and extended its trading area to the North East and the Midlands. In 1981 the British Rail Pension Fund ("BRPF") subscribed for new share capital in the Company which provided a springboard for more rapid expansion. By the end of 1981, Iceland had 42 stores and had developed the present full management team.

In 1982, a further 2 acres was acquired on Deeside Industrial Park and an additional 1 million cu. ft. of cold storage space and a modern 10,000 sq. ft. office block were built.

This additional capacity was quickly turned to advantage by Iceland's continuing expansion and by the acquisition in February 1983 of the St. Catherines Freezer Centres Limited ("St. Catherines") chain of 19 stores.

St. Catherines was based in Bristol, South Wales and the South West. Iceland had identified valuable site potential in St. Catherines which would provide a significant uplift in Iceland's sales and also add to the geographical coverage of Iceland's territory.

Prior to its acquisition St. Catherines was making substantial and increasing losses. Various weaknesses in the operation which had been identified prior to its acquisition were remedied within a few weeks of takeover by the installation of Iceland's systems and controls. By the end of 1983, the integration was complete and the stores trading on a sound footing and making a substantial contribution to group profits.

A programme of refurbishment of St. Catherines' stores was started immediately after takeover with 7 stores being completely refurbished during 1983. Of the remainder a further 6 have been refurbished this year.

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The average store size is 3,700 sq. ft. of net sales area. However, new stores opening in 1984 average 5,300 sq. ft., which is seen as the ideal size to accommodate Iceland's range of products. Each store has its own cold room for back-up stock.

15 new Iceland stores are scheduled to open during 1984 including 5 relocations. 10 of these are already open. Wherever possible, Iceland takes the opportunity to replace existing smaller stores with larger premises.

The main products sold by Iceland are frozen foods, providing 82 per cent. of turnover. Most stores also sell a range of grocery products, generally in larger in 58 stores.

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

Directors

Malcolm Conrad Walker (*Chairman and Joint Managing Director*)

Peter Stuart Hinchcliffe (*Joint Managing Director*)

James Bernard Leigh, FCA

Richard Stanley Kirk

John James McLachlan, FCA (*non-executive*)

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Secretary and Registered Office

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and

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and

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Solicitors to the Company

Bullivant & Company,

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Barclays Bank PLC,

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Registrars and Transfer Office

Barclays Bank PLC,

Registration Department, Radbroke Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9EU

Receiving Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC,

New Issues Department, P.O. Box No. 123, Fleetway House,

25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD

Iceland today trades under a uniform corporate style from 81 stores organised into 9 geographical divisions supplied from the central Deeside cold storage and warehouse facility and serviced by its own distribution fleet.

BUSINESS

The frozen food market

Government statistics indicate that consumer expenditure on frozen foods, excluding poultry, ice cream and carcass meat, in the United Kingdom has grown from £245m in 1973 to approximately £1,250m in 1983. The directors estimate the total frozen food market to be worth of the order of £2.0 billion per annum. Frozen food expenditure has risen from 2.9 per cent. to 4.6 per cent. of total food expenditure since 1973.

Approximately 71 per cent. of frozen food expenditure is estimated to be incurred by owners of freezers. In 1973 only about 10 per cent. of households owned freezers. The figure is now estimated to be approximately 67 per cent. Specialist freezer centres such as those operated by Iceland are reckoned to account for about 28 per cent. of household purchases of frozen foods.

Iceland's development as a freezer centre business has taken place against the background of an expanding, yet highly competitive frozen food market. Throughout this period, Iceland has maintained consistent and significant growth in both turnover and profits.

Iceland's principal competitors are the larger supermarkets and other freezer centres. Iceland has developed a distinctive image and a range of products which have generated a particularly high level of customer loyalty.

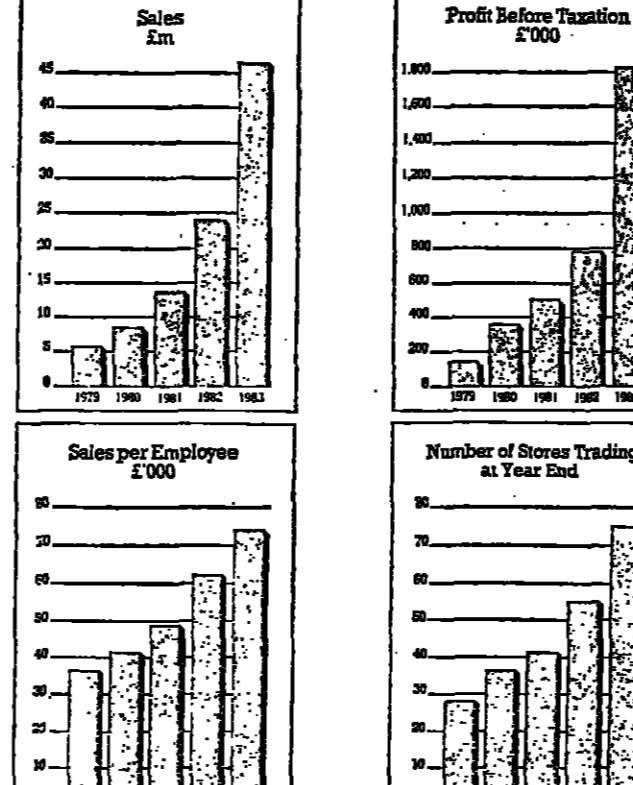
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A freezer division was set up in October 1983 and a total of 34 stores now sell freezers and microwave ovens. A resident home economist is employed in all of these stores to give customer advice on food and appliances.

Considerable pride is taken in store management, layout and design. A continuous programme of upgrading and refitting existing stores is in operation.

Clear topped freezer cabinets are installed for easier product selection. Standard design features of the stores include terrazzo floors, fully tiled walls, suspended ceilings and air conditioning. Wide aisles allow easy access to freezers and are conducive to an unhurried style of shopping.

Great emphasis is placed on cleanliness and good housekeeping within the stores. All store operations are kept as simple as possible to enable managers to devote as much time as is practical to sales effort and to the attractive presentation of stores and products.

The size of Iceland stores means that a friendly personal service can still be given within a supermarket environment. Traditional standards of service and quality are regarded as all important.

In 1982, data capture terminals were installed in Iceland stores for use in stock replenishment and control. Managers record their requirements on store terminals which are connected to the central computer in head office by the British Telecom network. Extensive work in the development of this system has enabled products received by a store one afternoon to be delivered the following morning. All stores receive a frozen food delivery between three and five times a week. This ensures a wide range of products is available at all times in all stores.

In line with the principle of tight management control, a full inventory is carried out in every store quarterly interspersed by frequent interim random stock takes.

Products

Iceland stores carry all the basic commodity items such as meat, vegetables, fish and poultry, together with a growing range of value added products which include pizzas, ice cream, pies, cakes, gateaux, sausages, burgers and prepared meals. An increasing proportion of frozen food sales, currently 40 per cent., is accounted for by own label products which reinforce Iceland's market position as a specialist retailer. The success of this range has been due to the emphasis on both good value and high quality own label product selection.

The own label range is being expanded into more value added and innovative products. This process is seen as a further vital part of Iceland's specialist role in the frozen food market. Own label development will continue at an increasing rate for the foreseeable future although national and recognised brands will continue to be an important part of the range.

Iceland sells between 500 and 1,000 lines depending on the size of the store.

The analysis of sales by product group for the 52 weeks ended 31st December, 1983 and the 26 weeks to 30th June, 1984 was as follows:

Product Group	Per cent. of turnover by value			
	1983 (52 weeks)	1984 (26 weeks)	per cent.	per cent.
Meat and Poultry	24.9	25.0		
Meat Products, Burgers, Sausages, Savoury Pastry	18.4	17.6		
Vegetables	11.4	12.4		
Ice Cream, Cakes, Gateaux	11.0	8.7		
Fish	10.5	10.7		
Others	7.1	6.7		
Total Frozen Foods	83.3	82.1		
Non-Frozen Foods	16.1	15.8		
Freezers and Microwaves	0.6	2.1		
	100.0	100.0		

Purchasing and marketing

The buying department, which is the responsibility of Peter Hinchcliffe, is headed by four specialist buyers. The department works closely with the marketing and product development departments to build the range of products.

Iceland has over 200 different food suppliers and none supply more than 8 per cent. of products by value. Iceland's size gives it considerable power to make purchases of carefully selected goods on favourable terms.

Quality control is an important area and once buyers have sourced products, stringent checks and controls are applied at all stages of the cold chain from factory to freezer cabinet. Buyers and the quality control department make frequent factory visits and in-house quality control is carried out in Iceland's own test kitchens with bacteriological and analytical support from outside laboratories.

Particular attention is given to building the reputation of Iceland's own label with high quality, value for money lines. As with all Iceland operations, there is a continuous policy of upgrading applied to existing products and changes in customer taste and product technology are closely monitored.

Marketing of products is divided into price periods of approximately five weeks, this being expanded into a magazine with recipe suggestions and product information four times a year. All are issued free in the stores.

Regular in-store promotions are supplemented by a co-ordinated advertising programme throughout the year on commercial television and local radio and in national and local newspapers. This is continuously monitored to ensure the most effective coverage.

Marketing policy has contributed considerably to high placings in the past two years in several prestige business and marketing award schemes.

An active public relations department produces regular press information on Iceland, its stores and its products.

Management and staff

Enthusiasm, energy and commitment are essential characteristics at all levels of Iceland management. The directors believe that continuing success can only be achieved by aiming for ever higher standards, both within Iceland and relative to its competitors.

Motivation for this constant process of upgrading and improvement comes from management at all levels. Management have been selected both for flair and drive as well as expertise in their field.

Directors and management regularly visit stores to maintain a keen awareness of everyday problems and individual store standards. This ensures a quick response when difficulties do occur.

Store operation is the responsibility of Richard Kirk, Stores Director, and his team of nine District Managers. These managers are in constant contact with all stores in their areas and have day to day charge of keeping stores up to the expected standard. Attention to detail is regarded as all important.

Each store has a manager and full-time and part-time sales assistants. Larger stores have assistant managers and trainee managers.

The senior, progressive stance adopted by the senior management has long been an important factor in engendering a high level of loyalty to Iceland among all staff, both in head office and the stores.

To foster this sense of commitment to the Iceland team, great emphasis is placed on the training and welfare of its staff.

Courses are organised both in-house and externally on a regular basis for all levels of staff. The personnel and training department is keen to forestall any feeling of remoteness among the store staff and actively encourages a sense of company unity.

Stores are equipped with a television and video player and, since 1980, an in-house video film making unit has developed a library of tailor made staff training films for use during the weekly store training sessions.

Staff appraisals are carried out on a six-monthly basis and positive steps are taken to see that staff with the necessary talent and enthusiasm progress within Iceland.

Management recruits and existing staff with development potential undergo an extensive personality assessment to determine their strengths and suitability to their particular position.

Head office and warehouse

Iceland has a purpose-built head office complex which includes 1.25 million cu. ft. of cold storage space, built and equipped to the most exacting specifications.

The completion of an 8,000 sq. ft. office extension at the end of 1984 will provide a total of 18,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned office accommodation.

The directors consider the working environment of prime importance and facilities include a specially designed restaurant shared by staff at all levels, with a varied menu of high quality, heavily subsidised meals.

The office extension incorporates two test kitchens for product sampling and development to supplement the existing test kitchen facility.

Also in the complex is a well equipped art studio where Iceland produces its own packaging and point of sale design.

All frozen foods are delivered from suppliers to the central cold store during the day. A night shift operates to load Iceland's fleet of modern refrigerated vehicles ready for store deliveries the next day. Efficiency of the warehouse is ensured by the use of advanced equipment and computerised stock control.

Storage facilities are supplemented by a 25,000 sq. ft. warehouse used for dry goods.

Office administration and computer systems

Iceland has had a strong commitment to computer technology since the late 1970's and virtually all aspects of company operation are now linked to the sophisticated IBM System 38.

The computer is essential for the strict controls demanded by management. Even since the first week's trading, Iceland has prepared weekly profit figures.

Under the control of Finance Director Bernard Leigh, this accounting procedure has evolved into a complex network of computerised systems producing weekly net profit figures analysed on an individual store basis. These are available every Tuesday evening for the previous week, enabling problem areas to be identified and dealt with quickly and efficiently on the basis of current data.

All aspects of stock ordering, stock control and product profitability and performance are controlled with the aid of the computer. As product prices change, they are keyed into the computer to produce forecast profitability for each company price period of 5/6 weeks.

Financial accounts and ledgers, budgets and forecasts, word processing, payroll and personnel information are all computerised. In order to ensure programmes are tailored to Iceland's requirements, all software is written and developed in-house.

Future plans for using the System 38 to improve company efficiency and customer service include further computerisation of the warehouse and distribution operation, computer graphics for both commercial and architectural applications and improved in-store computerisation by linking a network of personal computers to the central IBM System 38.

Regular courses are run to encourage all levels of management and staff to use personal computers as an aid to greater efficiency. A bank of portable, IBM compatible, personal computers is available on loan to all staff for home use to encourage a computer-minded attitude.

Store development

Store development is the prime responsibility of Malcolm Walker who, in conjunction with commercial property agents, identifies new store sites and handles property negotiations.

Iceland's policy is to take stores on lease and not to commit resources to investment in freehold properties.

A key factor in Iceland's expansion has been the early identification of sites which offer the potential for profitable trading. Increased awareness of Iceland is resulting in a growing number of suitable stores being offered to Iceland by developers anxious to secure the Iceland trading style and covenant in their development.

The sites selected are mostly in high streets or shopping precincts with adjacent parking facilities. Prominent secondary and out of town sites are also being developed. Outlets quickly establish a committed customer base providing the platform for the longer term growth experienced in each store.

Iceland is proud of its high standard of shop fitting which is designed, planned and supervised by its own experienced team of architects, engineers and development staff. The current average cost for fitting out a new shop is between £150,000 and £180,000.

Iceland technical staff are also involved in the supervision and construction of the 8,000 sq. ft. office extension, maintenance depot and fleet washing facilities due for completion this year.

Details of Iceland's properties are set out in Appendix IV below.

MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Directors

Malcolm Walker, aged 38, Chairman and Joint Managing Director, is the joint founder, with Peter Hinchcliffe, of Iceland. He previously worked for F. W. Woolworth and after working in a number of stores was the deputy manager of the Wrexham store when leaving that company in 1971.

Peter Hinchcliffe, aged 37, Joint Managing Director, is the joint founder of Iceland. He also previously worked for F. W. Woolworth and after working in a number of stores was the deputy manager of the Oswestry store when leaving that company in 1971.

Bernard Leigh, aged 39, Finance Director and Company Secretary, qualified as a chartered accountant with Harold Smith & Son of Rhiw in 1968 where he became a partner in 1972. He was the audit partner responsible for Iceland from 1972 and joined Iceland in 1976 at which time he joined the board.

Richard Kirk, aged 38, Stores Director, was previously a district manager with F. W. Woolworth before joining Iceland as Stores Controller in 1978. He joined the board of the Company in March 1983.

John McLachlan, aged 42, is a non-executive Director. He became involved with Iceland as Director—Pension Investments with British Rail Pension Fund. He was appointed Corporate Investment Manager of Reed International Pension Fund in April 1984 and later that month joined the board of the Company.

Management

The operations of Iceland are managed from the Deeside head office by the executive directors and a team of executive managers which includes:

Richard Boyland, aged 36, Warehouse and Distribution Manager, was formerly with Alpine Refrigeration, Ross Frozen Foods and Snowking Frozen Foods and joined Iceland in 1976.

Barry Glover, aged 44, Service and Development Manager, was formerly a sales director of a refrigeration company for 15 years before joining Iceland in 1978.

Derek Harris, aged 40, Marketing Manager, was formerly with Unilever, J. Bibby & Sons and Alfred Dunhill and joined Iceland in 1981.

John Trott, aged 37, Freezer Division Sales Manager, previously worked for F. W. Woolworth for 18 years and was a district manager with the company. He joined Iceland in 1983.

Janet Weinstein, aged 30, Personnel Manager, was formerly with Marks and Spencer and Vantona and joined Iceland in 1980.

Peter Williams, aged 31, Company Accountant, was formerly with Harold Smith & Son, Iceland's previous auditors, before joining Iceland in 1977.

Employees

In addition to the directors and management listed above Iceland currently employs a total staff of approximately 1,170 people.

Store staff, which account for 980 of this number, are split into 600 full-time staff (which includes 81 managers) and 380 part-time staff who work flexible hours.

Head office, cold store and ancillary staff number 190 which includes 23 management staff.

PROFIT RECORD

The following table summarises the results of Iceland (on the historical cost basis) for the 5 financial periods ended 31st December, 1983, and the 26 weeks to 30th June, 1984 based on information extracted from the Accounts Report.

	52 weeks to 29th December, 1979	52 weeks to 2nd January, 1981	52 weeks to 3rd January, 1982	52 weeks to 1st January, 1983	52 weeks to 31st December, 1983	26 weeks to 26th June, 1984
Turnover	£5,628	8,642	14,098	23,588	46,536	29,053
Cost of sales	4,940	7,362	12,146	20,717	40,885	25,108
Gross profit	688	1,289	1,953	2,869	5,551	3,945
Distribution and administrative expenses	521	835	1,334	1,907	3,482	2,360
Other operating income	167	454	619	952	2,169	1,585
Operating profit	13	21	9	11	18	15
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	152	372	503	789	1,819	1,485
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	—	—	26	55	97	75
Profit for the financial period	152	372	477	734	1,722	1,380
Dividends (note)	—	—	60	129	227	177
Retained profit for the period	152	372	417	605	1,495	1,303

Note: No dividends have been paid on the ordinary shares. Dividends were paid on the cumulative participating ordinary shares, the cumulative redeemable preference shares and of which only the cumulative redeemable preference shares will remain in issue following the Offer for Sale.

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4.4 Earnings per ordinary share

The earnings per ordinary share for the six periods ended 30th June, 1984 are based on the profit after taxation divided by the average ordinary and preference capital in each period ("earnings for ordinary") and the weighted average number of shares in issue as follows:

	52 weeks to 28th December, 1979	53 weeks to 3rd January, 1981	52 weeks to 2nd January, 1982	52 weeks to 1st January, 1983	52 weeks to 31st December, 1983	26 weeks to 28th June, 1984
to 28th December, 1979	52 weeks to 3rd January, 1981	52 weeks to 2nd January, 1982	52 weeks to 1st January, 1983	52 weeks to 31st December, 1983	26 weeks to 28th June, 1984	
Earnings for ordinary	£1,000	£1,000	£1,020	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (1,000s)	152	372	417	505	1,495	1,393

The weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue has been adjusted to reflect the transactions set out in paragraph 5 below and on the assumption that the ordinary shares in issue in the 52 weeks to 2nd January, 1983 were in existence in the preceding two periods. No account has been taken of the new ordinary shares of 100 each to be subscribed and offered for sale to the public, or the net proceeds therefrom.

5. Balance sheets as at 30th June, 1984

	The Group		The Company	
Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6.1	10,003		
Investments in subsidiaries	6.2	—	3,325	
Current assets				
Stocks	6.3	4,023	—	
Debtors	6.4	1,513	320	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,604	330	
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	6.5	10,932	219	
Net current assets (liabilities)		(4,056)	101	
Total assets less current liabilities		5,915	3,427	
Creditors				
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	6.6	1,375	—	
Accruals and deferred income	6.7	—	—	
Deferred government grants		(342)	—	
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	6.8	2,061	2,061	
Share premium account	6.10	1,047	1,047	
Profit and loss account	6.10	1,263	319	
	4,331	3,427		

6. Notes to the balance sheets

6.1 Tangible fixed assets

	Cost	Depreciation	Net book value
Land and buildings	£'000	£'000	£'000
Freehold	2,570	116	2,454
Leasehold	1,794	299	1,505
Plant and equipment	4,364	405	3,959
Motor vehicles	2,508	1,996	5,612
	615	483	412
	12,597	2,534	10,063

The cost of freehold properties includes £116,000 in respect of land on which depreciation is not provided.

Leasehold properties include one long leasehold property which was acquired in 1973, the net book value of which at 30th June, 1984 is £22,000. All other leasehold properties are short leaseholds.

At 30th June, 1984, the Group had capital commitments as follows:

Contracted	£'000
Authorised but not contracted	575
	100

6.2 Investments in subsidiaries

	Shares	Loans	Total
Cost	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1st January, 1984	1,547	3,667	4,914
Repayments during period	—	(6)	(6)
At 30th June, 1984	1,547	3,661	4,908
Provision for diminution in value	637	945	1,582
Net book value at 30th June, 1984	1,210	2,715	3,935

6.3 Stocks

	The Group	The Company
Cost	£'000	£'000
At 1st January, 1984	173	—
Decrease in stocks	—	218
At 30th June, 1984	121	43
Proportion and accrued income	1,215	—
	1,512	330

6.5 Creditors falling due within one year

	The Group	The Company
Current instalments due on loans (see note 6.6)	51	—
Bank overdraft (see note 6.5)	2,739	—
Other creditors	5,650	—
Trade creditors	56	42
Corporation tax	120	—
Other taxes and social security costs	53	—
Other creditors	1,435	177
Accruals and accrued dividends	117	—
	10,692	219

6.6 Loans

	The Group	£'000
Bank loan (see 6.1 below)	51	—
Medium term loans (see 6.3 below)	51	—
	51	—
	51	—
	51	—

These loans and the bank overdraft are secured by charges over the group's fixed property and floating charges over the group's assets and are repayable as follows:

Amount repayable within 1-2 years	£'000
Amounts repayable within 1-2 years	51
Amounts repayable after five years	51
	51

In addition amounts totalling £91,000 are repayable within 1 year and are shown in current liabilities.

The bank loan is repayable by quarterly instalments of £11,500. The interest rate is variable.

The medium term loans bear interest at rates between 2.5 per cent. and 14.5 per cent. per annum and are repayable as follows:

£'000 by annual instalments	£'000
£10,000 by annual instalments of £250,000	250
£10,000 by annual instalments of £250,000 commencing 21st October, 1984.	250

The floating charges referred to above will be released upon the grant of listing (see paragraph 3.3).

6.7 Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

	The Group	£'000
Finance leases:	21,0	—
Year ending 30th June, 1984	244	—
1985	211	—
1986	215	—
1987	155	—
1988	155	—
1989	155	—
	1,673	—

Hire purchase contracts:

Year ending 30th June, 1984

	£'000
42	—
43	—

Less: unuse charges allocated to future periods

	£'000
42	—
43	—

Hire purchase contracts are shown as:

	£'000

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ICELAND

Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings plc
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Appendix IV

SUMMARY OF ICELAND PROPERTIES

Iceland owns the freehold of 5,592 acres of the Desmeise Industrial Park and has 51 leasehold stores open and trading.

Details of Iceland's freehold premises are as follows:

Description	Head office and cold store	Freehold	Lease	1,523,000 cu. ft. of cold store	10,100 cu. ft. of office with a further 8,000 cu. ft. of offices under construction
Summary details of the leases of Iceland's 51* leasehold stores which are trading are as follows:					
(a) Length of leases remaining	Less than 5 years	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25 and over
No. of leases	7	14	11	19	32
(b) Annual rents	Annual rent £'000s	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20 20-25 and over
No. of stores	8	15	3	15	25
(c) Net selling space	Approximate area (sq. ft. '000s)	Less than 1	1-2	2-3	4-5 over 5
No. of stores	1	6	17	20	19 15
(d) Period to next rent review or lease end	Years	Less than 5 months	6-12	1-5 years	5-10 years over 10 years
No. of leases	8	2	17	5	4 3
(e) Rent review periods (years)	No. of leases	3	4	5 years	10 years or over
No. of stores	3	2	65	14	5
* Of the 51 stores 3 are held under more than one lease	Number of stores trading at year end	17	20	181	1983
		23	27	55	75

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Share Capital

1. (i) The Company was incorporated in England on 16th November, 1980 as a private company limited by shares under the Companies Act 1948 to 1980 with registered number 152502 and with the name Quaintree Limited.

(ii) On 9th February, 1981 the name of the Company was changed to Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings Limited.

(iii) At 2nd October, 1982 the authorised share capital of the Company was £1,310,000 divided into 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, 440,000 cumulative participating preferred ordinary shares of £1 each and 880,000 cumulative redeemable preference shares of £1 each all of which were in issue fully paid or credited as fully paid.

(iv) The authorised share capital of the Company was increased by a special resolution passed on 3rd October, 1982 to 21,325,000 by the creation of 10,000 new ordinary shares of £1 each. On the same date 194 ordinary shares were issued to R. S. Kirk for cash at £43 per share.

(v) By a pursuant to a special resolution passed on 16th September, 1984 the Company altered its memorandum of association changing its name to Iceland and was registered as a public limited company under section 5 of the Companies Act 1980.

(vi) By pursuant to a special resolution passed on 1st October, 1984, conditionally upon the ordinary share capital of the Company, issued and now being issued, being admitted to the Official List of the Stock Exchange to the Official List on or before 15th October, 1984.

(a) The Company purchased for cancellation all of its 40,000 cumulative participating preferred ordinary shares for an aggregate consideration of £1 occurring a transfer to capital redemption reserve of £439,999.

(b) each ordinary share of £1 was divided into 10 ordinary shares of 10p each.

(c) the authorised capital of the Company was increased by the creation of 16,800,000 ordinary shares of 10p each.

(d) £1,238,085 (as to £439,999 being the amount transferred to the credit of the capital redemption reserve upon the purchase described in (a) above) and as to £79,867 being part of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account) was capitalised and the directors were authorised to appropriate the same by allowing 1,238,085 ordinary shares of 10p each credited as fully paid, in proportion to the holders of ordinary shares not held in the name of the Company.

(e) 1,800,524 ordinary shares were allotted and paid to N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited pursuant to the terms of the agreement described in paragraph 6 below.

(f) authority was given to the directors pursuant to section 14 of the Companies Act 1980 to allot relevant securities (as defined in that section) up to a maximum nominal amount of £269,113 during the period expiring on 30th September, 1989.

(g) authority was given to the directors to allot ordinary shares for cash irrespective of the provisions of section 17(1) of the Companies Act 1980 provided (i) the allotment was in respect of a rights issue in favour of ordinary shareholders, notwithstanding that by reason of such extraction as the directors so determine, the rights issue may be conditional upon the exercise of such rights; (ii) the ordinary shareholders are not entitled to any pre-emption rights; (iii) the ordinary shares allotted are not offered to all of such holders in proportion to the number of ordinary shares held by each of them; and (iv) the maximum number of shares allotted otherwise than in connection with such a rights issue in the period expiring on 31st December, 1985 and each successive period of one year expiring on 31st December thereafter in which the allotment might be made, is not in respect of a special resolution in general meeting, did not exceed the number of shares of the number of ordinary shares included in the authorised share capital of the Company at the beginning of that period; and

(h) RPL agreed to the redemption of its holding of 750,000 Series B cumulative redeemable preference shares for cash at par.

(i) The Company adopted new articles of association.

(j) Without the prior approval of the Company in general meeting:

(a) no material issue of shares will be made by the Company within one year from the date hereof, save to shareholders pro rata to existing shareholdings; and

(b) no issue of shares will be made by the Company which would effectively alter the control of the Company.

Subsidiaries

2. There are set out below details of the subsidiaries of the Company (all of the share capital of which is wholly owned by the Company except where indicated):

Iceland Frozen Foods plc	Share Capital £'000s	Date and place of incorporation	Principal activity
	£100 ordinary shares, £10 'A' ordinary shares, £10,000 1% non-cumulative preference shares	10th April, 1973	Retailing of food, domestic freezers and microwave ovens.
S. Colferines Freezer Centres Limited	3,999 ordinary shares, 2,000 1% non-cumulative preference shares	10th June, 1975	Dormant
Hi-Speed Printers (Rhyd)	£100 ordinary shares	1st November, 1976	Dormant
Lundred Limited	£100 ordinary shares*	30th June, 1980	Dormant
Dunlop Limited	£100 ordinary shares*	England	

*90 per cent. interest held by a subsidiary of the Company

Articles of Association

3. The articles of association of the Company contain provisions, inter alia, to the following effect:

(a) Votes of Members

Subject to disenfranchisement in the event of non-compliance with a statutory notice requiring disclosure as to beneficial ownership, every member (who being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by duly authorised representative or proxy shall, on a show of hands, have one vote and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every ordinary share of which he is the holder.

(b) Variation of Rights

All or any of the rights or privileges attached to any class of share may, subject to the Companies Act, be varied or extinguished either with the consent in writing of the holders of at least three quarters of the issued amount of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of that class, but not otherwise.

(c) Directors

(i) No shareholding qualification is required of a director.

(ii) A director shall not vote on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has any material interest (or duty which conflicts may conflict with the interests of the Company) and shall not be counted in the quantum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote. However, a director shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in circumstances where the resolution required of him a guarantee, security, or indemnity in respect of money lent to, or an obligation incurred by him for the benefit of, the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

(iii) the giving to a third party of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of an obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the director has assumed responsibility in whole or part or whether alone or jointly with others under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

(iv) a proposal concerning the offer of any shares, debentures or other securities of the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, for subscription or purchase, in which he is or is to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or the sub-underwriting thereof;

(v) a retirement benefits scheme which has been approved, or is conditional upon approval, by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes;

(vi) any arrangement for the benefit of the employees under which the director benefits in a similar manner as the employees, and which does not accord to any director as such any similar privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to whom the arrangement relates; and

(vii) any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly, and whether as an officer or shareholder, unless however, provided that he is not the holder of or

beneficially interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived) or of the voting company to which the relevant company (any such interest being deemed for these purposes to be a material interest in all circumstances).

(c) The provisions of section 185 of the Companies Act 1948 (removal of directors at age 70) apply to the Company.

(d) The directors shall, for their services as directors, be entitled to such annual remuneration as they may determine (not exceeding a sum of £10,000 for each director or such larger amount as the Company may by ordinary resolution decide). Any remuneration which is not otherwise payable or determined by the opinion of the directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, participation in profits or receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits and partly in one way and partly in another or other, or otherwise) as the directors may determine.

(e) The directors may from time to time appoint any one or more of their body to be the holder of any executive office on such terms as they think fit, and may revoke or vary such appointment.

(f) The appointment of any executive office as aforesaid shall not automatically be terminated if he ceases in any manner to be a director. Any revocation or termination of any such appointment shall be without prejudice to any claim that the director shall not be subject to re-appointment by the directors and the Company. A director appointed to be the holder of an executive office shall not be subject to re-appointment by the directors and shall not be taken into account in determining the rotation of directors, and shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits and partly in one way and partly in another or other, or otherwise) as the directors may determine.

(g) Borrowing Powers

The directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or

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A copy of this prospectus, having attached thereto the documents specified in paragraph 15 of Appendix 7, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the shares of SCUSA, Inc. ("Scusa"), issued and now being issued, to be admitted to the Official List.

This Offer for Sale is conditional on completion of the acquisition by Scusa of Holmes Protection, Inc. ("Holmes") and the information contained herein has been prepared on the assumption, where relevant, that such completion has taken place.

The Application List for the New Shares now offered for sale will open at 10 a.m. on 8th October 1984 and may be closed at any time thereafter.

This document includes particulars of the offer in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 and the rules of The Stock Exchange for the protection of investors. It is intended to make available all relevant information to investors in the form of a document which may be read in conjunction with the application documents and the relevant documents and information made available by the Company and its auditors. All the information contained in this document is given in good faith and is believed to be accurate.

SCUSA INC.

(Incorporated with limited liability under the General Corporation Law of
The State of Delaware, USA)

OFFER FOR SALE BY

KLEINWORT, BENSON LIMITED

OF 11,600,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF PAR VALUE US \$0.01 EACH

AT 100p PER SHARE PAYABLE IN FULL ON APPLICATION

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The New Shares being offered for sale have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Accordingly such shares may not be offered, sold, renounced, transferred, assigned, exchanged or otherwise disposed of, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America, its territories, possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction ("United States") or in Canada, or to or for the benefit of any person who is a national or citizen or a resident or normally a resident thereof, including the estate of any such person, or to any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or Canada or any political subdivision thereof (collectively "North American Persons") at any time prior to 16th April 1985. In order to give effect to these restrictions (a) every applicant for or renounce of the New Shares and every other person applying for registration in respect of New Shares prior to 16th April 1985 will be required to make a declaration in the form referred to in the section headed "Transfers and Procedures in respect of United States Securities Laws" in paragraph 12 of Appendix 7, and (b) the certificates representing such New Shares will bear a legend to the effect that such shares may not be offered, sold, renounced, transferred, assigned, exchanged or otherwise disposed of, directly or indirectly, in the United States or Canada or to North American Persons at any time prior to 16th April 1985.

INTRODUCTION

The principal activity of the Scusa Group is the provision of burglar alarm, fire alarm and related security in the USA.

Scusa announced on 2nd August 1984 that it had reached agreement to acquire Holmes from SCAA. The consideration payable to Holmes is US \$4.0 million (US \$3.5 million less an amount equal to certain indebtedness of Holmes which will be assumed by Scusa at completion). It is estimated that such indebtedness will amount to US \$4 million and that the net consideration will therefore be US \$4 million (US \$1 million, US \$5 million of the consideration will be funded by the issue to the shareholders of SCAA of 9,26,189 New Shares at 100p per share and the balance of the consideration will be payable in cash at the completion date, which is expected to be 15th October 1984).

Amortisation of half of the consideration for Holmes will be financed by the issue of 11,600,000 New Shares at 100p per share by means of the Offer for Sale described herein and the issue of 6,000,000 New Shares also at 100p per share by means of the Subsidiary plan. The proceeds of the Offer for Sale and Subsidiary plan, net of expenses, will be approximately £17 million and the balance of the cash consideration and the costs relating to the acquisition will be financed by bank loans. The Directors intend that the major part of the £17 million will be repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of Holmes' operations in Chicago, Los Angeles and Holmes' guards business. Negotiations are taking place between SCAA and potential purchasers of these businesses.

The Shares of Scusa were listed on the United Securities Market from 8th August 1983 until 2nd August 1984, when the Investors requested the Council of The Stock Exchange to suspend dealings on the announcement that Scusa had reached an agreement to acquire Holmes.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the existing Shares, which were previously listed on the Unlisted Securities Market, and the New Shares to be admitted to the Official List.

Scusa is currently a 50.00 per cent owned subsidiary of Security Centres, a public company the shares of which are listed on The Stock Exchange. Security Centres has stated that it wishes to concentrate its resources on the development of its business in the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Europe, and accordingly Security Centres will not apply for any New Shares. Following the issue of the New Shares, Security Centres will own 33.57 per cent of the issued capital stock of Scusa and Scusa will therefore cease to be a subsidiary of Security Centres. Security Centres has no present intention of selling any of its Scusa Shares. It remains the intention of Security Centres not to compete with Scusa or any of its subsidiaries in the USA (see paragraph 9, (a) of Appendix 7).

THE US SECURITY ALARM SERVICES INDUSTRY

There are two main aspects of the alarm services business: installation and servicing of equipment on customers' premises and the provision of central station monitoring services, comprising including the use of response agents. Many of the smaller companies in the industry provide only installation and maintenance services and use larger companies' central monitoring facilities. There are estimated to be around 1,000 companies providing centrally monitored alarm services in the USA and the Scusa Group is believed to be one of the four largest such companies.

In the case of those companies which provide central station monitoring services, the majority of their turnover derives from recurring revenues from the rental, maintenance and monitoring of alarm systems.

Central stations monitor customers' premises continuously so that an appropriate response can be made if an alarm signal or other abnormality is detected. The most common form of link between subscribers' premises and central stations is through the telephone network, using dedicated lines, but television cables and radio are also used. The choice of transmission system is determined principally by the level of security required but also by relative costs. Generally, once an alarm is received at a central station, the local police or fire department is notified. Personnel from the company operating the station may also be sent to the site concerned to provide aid and to restore the alarm system.

If central stations have spare capacity, as is often the case, the incremental costs of monitoring additional systems are low. Companies which have central stations can, therefore, add to their profits by the acquisition of subscriber bases and this is the main reason for the relatively large number of acquisitions which have taken place recently in the industry.

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, non-profit organization, grades security installations and central station services in the USA. Grades are determined by a combination of the sophistication of equipment, the method of transmission of signals to central stations, the complexity of the signals transmitted, central station monitoring requirements and guard response times and are used principally to determine appropriate insurance premiums. In addition, insurers often specify minimum required grades for particular types of insurance. Insurers attach considerable importance

SUMMARY

The following information is derived from the full text of this prospectus and accordingly must be read in conjunction with that text.

Business

The principal activities of the Scusa Group comprise the installation, rental, servicing and central station monitoring of burglar, fire and other alarm systems in New York City and in other metropolitan areas.

Offer for Sale

11,600,000 New Shares in Scusa are being offered for sale at a price of 100p per share.

Forecasts for the Scusa Group for the year ending 31st December 1984

Profit before taxation (see Note 1) not less than US \$7.4 million

Profit after estimated tax charge (see Notes 1 and 2) US \$7.0 million

Earnings per Share (on a weighted average basis) 15.7 cents (12.3p)

Final dividend per Share 11 cents (8.6p)

Total dividends per Share 18 cents (1.41p)

Offer for Sale Statistics

Offer for Sale price per New Share 100p

Total number of Shares issued and now being issued 61,526,188

Market capitalisation at Offer for Sale price 251.5 million

Price earnings multiple on forecast earnings per Share (see Notes 1 and 2) 8.1 times

Gross dividend yield based on forecast total dividends per Share of 18 cents and a price of 100p per Share 1.41 per cent

Net assets at 31st March 1984, adjusted for the acquisition of Holmes on the terms described herein and for the issue of 21,526,188 New Shares US \$55.3 million

Net assets per Share as at 31st March 1984, on the above basis 69.9 cents (10.5p)

Note 1

Your attention is drawn to the section headed "Accounting policies" below.

Note 2

The Directors are of the opinion that Scusa is resident in the USA for tax purposes. The top rate of federal corporation taxation for the USA is 48 per cent and the effective rate of 35% on the Scusa Group, including State and local income taxes, could be approximately 35 per cent. Prior to the tax benefits resulting from the valuation of available capital allowances.

US taxation rules allow companies to elect to obtain taxation benefit over a period of several years by calculating future depreciation and amortisation rates by reference to so-called asset values at the time of acquisition of companies which are acquired, such as the Directors have done.

The Directors have decided to make such election following Scusa's acquisition of Jeweler and National Guardsmen with the result that the rate of taxation on profits which are estimated and payable on the current year is approximately 5.4 per cent. Following the acquisition of Holmes, the Directors will assess the net benefit of making a similar election in respect of Holmes. Whether or not an election is made in respect of the Holmes acquisition because of the short period of time available before the acquisition date, the Directors will take into account the effect of the election on the Scusa Group's profits as at the next few years and continue to be consistently less than 35 per cent.

SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised Shares of Preferred Stock of par value US \$1.00 each 100,000,000 Shares of Common Stock of par value US \$0.01 each 80,000,000

Issued and now being issued, fully paid 61,526,188

The New Shares now being offered for sale will rank for all dividends and distributions declared, made or paid on the Shares of Common Stock of Scusa after the date hereof, except that they will not rank for the interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31st December 1984, to be paid on 7th December 1984 to stockholders on 12th October 1984.

to the quality of customers' security systems and the installation of a more sophisticated system can result in a subscriber paying lower insurance premiums.

HISTORY OF THE FORMER SCUSA GROUP

Scusa was formed to act as the holding company for Security Centres' US interests. It was incorporated on 29th October 1982 as Security Centres USA Inc. and changed its name to SCUSA Inc. on 12th July 1983.

Security Centres' first acquisition in the USA, which was through its wholly-owned subsidiary Security Centres Holdings International Limited ("SCHIL"), was of 40 per cent of the share capital of Gibraltar Central Security Corporation ("Gibraltar Security") of Miami, Florida in June 1982. The balance of the share capital of Gibraltar Security was acquired by SCHIL in January 1983.

In January 1983, Scusa purchased Equity Security Systems Inc. ("National Guardsmen"), a security company operating in New York City under the name, National Guardsmen Central Alarm. In April 1983, Scusa acquired Jewelers Protection Services Ltd. ("Jeweler"). At the same time, Scusa acquired substantially all of the business and assets of companies then called Supreme Burglar Alarm Corp. and Supreme Protective System Inc. (collectively "Supreme").

On 15th July 1983, Scusa acquired the whole of the issued share capital of Gibraltar Security from SCHIL and at the same time Gibraltar Security acquired Southern Alarm and Supply Co. Inc. ("Southern Alarm") of Florida.

On 5th August 1983, Scusa issued 22,000,000 Shares of which 1,728,236 Shares were issued as consideration for the acquisition of Gibraltar Security, 8,371,704 Shares were issued by means of a subscription and 11,300,000 Shares were issued by means of an offer for sale. The net proceeds of US \$1.6 million of the issue of these Shares were used to repay some of the borrowings incurred in connection with the acquisitions described above.

In August 1983, Scusa acquired two alarm monitoring companies, Thompson Services Inc. of Brooklyn and Thompson & Thompson Central Station Alarm Services Inc. of Hauppauge and Southampton, Long Island.

In September 1983, Scusa acquired Apex-Genie Inc., which operates in New Jersey. In December 1983, Scusa acquired the operating assets and subscriber contracts of Interstate Alarm Inc., also of New Jersey.

In January 1984, Scusa acquired Boro Burglar Alarm Co. Inc. of Brooklyn.

On 2nd August 1984, it was announced that Scusa had reached agreement to acquire Holmes. Completion of the acquisition is expected to take place on 15th October 1984.

ACTIVITIES OF THE FORMER SCUSA GROUP

Scusa is the holding company of the Former Scusa Group. The activities of the operating subsidiaries of the Former Scusa Group comprise the installation, rental, servicing and central station monitoring of burglar, fire and other alarm systems and the provision of guard responses.

The Former Scusa Group has six central stations, all of which are computerised and have UL approval. The Former Scusa Group provides monitoring and related services to a total of approximately 32,300 subscribers, some of whom are customers of other smaller alarm companies which do not have their own central stations. All of the Group's central stations have the capacity to take on additional subscribers without significant additional cost.

The three principal operating locations are Manhattan and Brooklyn, both in New York City, and Greater Miami in Southern Florida. The Former Scusa Group also operates in New Jersey and Long Island.

Manhattan

The activities in Manhattan are conducted through Scusa's largest subsidiary, Jewelers, which operates under its own name and as "Supreme Burglar Alarm Co." and "Vanguard".

Jeweler was founded by certain of its present directors in 1974. It has two central monitoring stations as well as satellite alarm stations in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

Jeweler's services are provided primarily to the wholesale jewellery trade. In addition to its monitoring service, Jewelers provides vault storage, primarily for diamond dealers. The vaults provide high security protection through a combination of card entry, bullet proof doors, camera surveillance and armed guards. Safe deposit boxes are rented on an annual basis.

Through its Vanguard and Supreme divisions, Jewelers provides similar services to the fur trade, art galleries, the garment industry and other businesses and a number of private dwellings in Manhattan. Approximately 25 per cent of all the highest category (AA) UL certified systems in the USA are monitored by Jewelers from its Fifth Avenue central station.

TIME TABLE

Application List open 10:00 a.m. Thursday, 8th October 1984

Expected date of posting of Letters of Acceptance Monday, 15th October 1984

Expected date of commencement of dealings in existing and New Shares in Scusa on The Stock Exchange Tuesday, 16th October 1984

Last date for sending Letters of Acceptance Monday, 12th November 1984

Last date for registration of renunciation of Letters of Acceptance Wednesday, 14th November 1984

Share Certificates despatched Tuesday, 19th December 1984

DEFINITIONS

"Scusa" SCUSA Inc.

"Security Centres" Security Centres Holdings plc

"Holmes" Holmes Protection, Inc. and its subsidiaries

"Former Scusa Group" or "Group" Scusa and its existing subsidiaries

"Scusa Group" the Former Scusa Group and Holmes

"SCOA" Security Corporation of America

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From its central station located at 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City, Holmes operates a computerized monitoring system known as 'Computer', a system developed and used exclusively continuously monitored using coded signals. The main advantage of the system is that the signals, which are unique to each line, are effectively random so that it is virtually impossible for them to be reproduced by anyone seeking to interfere with the system. So far as is known, the coding system has never been breached.

Holmes maintains computerized central stations in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Each station controls the Los Angeles station, contains a computer linked to the central station in Manhattan which operates the Computer system and thus enables customers who wish to do so to take advantage of the additional security offered by this system.

TRADING RECORD OF HOLMES

Set out below is a summary of the trading record of Holmes for each of the five years ended 30th September 1983 and the six months ended 31st March 1984. An Accountants' Report on Holmes, prospectus, is available on request.

	six months ended 30th September 31st March					
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Revenues:						
Central station monitoring and service	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,249	\$ 1,020	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000
Installation of alarm systems	2,127	22,551	41,422	43,801	39,862	18,459
Other	2,435	1,653	1,092	2,025	2,684	1,394
	30,562	33,453	48,984	51,386	49,664	22,029
Profit/(loss) before tax	1,820	4,159	6,479	6,311	5,931	(36)

As stated in the report of Cooper & Lybrand, audited and mentioned above, the management of Holmes determined that approximately US \$852,000 of revenues and costs of sales recorded in prior years were not allocable and, accordingly, the Statement of Income and Profit for the year ended 31st March 1984 includes a provision for these amounts.

The above figures include revenues and profits of Holmes' operations in Chicago, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh and Holmes' guards business.

Set out below is the trading record of Holmes' subsidiaries in New York, New Jersey, Long Island and Philadelphia, being those operations of Holmes which Scusa intends to retain, for each of the five years ended 30th September 1983 and the six months ended 31st March 1984.

	six months ended 30th September 31st March					
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Revenues:						
Central station monitoring and service	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000
Installation of alarm systems	26,022	30,120	34,114	35,690	31,230	14,352
Other	1,124	1,574	1,915	2,321	2,331	1,182
	37,136	32,628	36,588	39,040	34,216	15,683
Profit/(loss) before tax	1,338	3,899	4,470	4,184	3,177	(1,013)

During the four years up to and including 1982 Holmes grew substantially in terms of revenue and profitability. This growth is largely attributable to price increases implemented approximately every six months and to certain acquisitions made during this period. However, during this period there was also an increasing trend of disconnections and a declining number of new connections, other than those arising through acquisitions. In 1983 and 1984 the amount of new increases was significantly reduced. This reduction was not however matched by a corresponding drop in disconnections, though the level of new connections steadily and has recently shown a modest increase. Consequently, during 1983 and 1984, revenue lost through disconnections exceeded revenue from price increases. This has led to a significant decline in revenue and profitability during 1983 and 1984.

The purchase prices of security businesses in the USA are normally calculated by reference to a multiple of recurring revenues from the rental, maintenance and monitoring of alarms. The Directors consider that Scusa has had the opportunity to acquire Holmes on a lower than normal multiple of annual recurring revenues because of Holmes' recent record. The range of multiples of recurring revenues which have typically been paid by purchasers of US companies in the industry over the last 18 months has been 1.7 to 2.5 times. This compares with the multiple of approximately 1.4 times recurring revenues which Scusa is paying for Holmes.

As is set out in the section headed "Prospects of the Scusa Group", the Directors expect that Scusa will be able to arrest the recent decline in recurring revenues which has been experienced by Holmes and to improve the performance of Holmes substantially by providing better service to customers, introducing more competitive pricing and implementing an intensive cost-reduction programme.

MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

The Directors and Principal Officers of the Scusa Group, who, apart from Mr O'Connor and Mr Forrest, are all US citizens, are as follows:

Mr B. D. O'Connor, aged 37, is Chairman of Scusa and has been Chairman of Security Centres since June 1982. For the two years prior to that he was Managing Director of Security Centres. He is also a non-executive Director of Leisuretime International plc and a non-executive Director of Aitken Hume International plc. Mr O'Connor will be primarily responsible for the strategy of the Scusa Group.

Mr T. Forrest, aged 44, is Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of Scusa. He has been Managing Director of Security Centres since June 1982, before which he held the post of Managing Director of Security Centres (UK) Limited, the principal operating subsidiary of Security Centres, and the former Scusa Group, with its successful trading record, will create a group with the marketing, management and financial resources to enable it to take advantage of the growth opportunities available in the market, to restore Holmes' trading margins and to earn substantially higher profits.

Mr P. G. Schmidt, aged 46, is a Director of Scusa. He is an attorney in New York and also a Director and a Member of the Audit Committee of National Patent Development Corporation, a company listed on the American Stock Exchange.

Mr N. Rubin, aged 68, is a Director and Senior Vice President of Scusa. He has been active in the security alarm business since 1939 and founded Jewelers in 1974. He is a former President of the Belpac and the Alarm Association of the United States.

Mr J. A. Henderson, aged 63, is a non-executive Director of Scusa. From 1947 to 1982 he was with American Express Company, where he held various positions, including that of Executive Vice President and Treasurer.

Mr A. W. Gies, aged 49, has been President of Scusa since February 1984. Previously he was President of Bryan Murray Foster Securities Inc., a New York investment banking firm and before that he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Modular Computer Systems, a company manufacturing mini computers, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr R. L. Adams, aged 55, is Vice President, Operations of Scusa. Mr Adams has been President of Jewelers since 1975 and before that he was Regional Manager for Honeywell Protection Services in the North East region of the USA. He has been involved in the security industry in the USA for 25 years.

Mr J. Dooley, aged 46, is Vice President and Treasurer of Scusa. He joined Scusa in 1983 before which he was Corporate Controller and Corporate Treasurer of Modular Computer Systems. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr M. Wiener, aged 45, is responsible for the Manhattan operations of Scusa and has been a Director and Vice President of Jewelers for eight years. For the five years prior to that he was with Honeywell Protection Services.

Mr E. J. Hughes, aged 44, is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Holmes Protection, Inc. and its associated Companies. He joined Holmes in 1982 before which he was with the Coca Cola Bottling Co of New York. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr J. J. McGlory, aged 52, is Vice President Installations and Special Services of Holmes Protection, Inc. He has been with Holmes since 1969.

Mr W. E. Riker, aged 60, is Vice President, Engineering of Holmes Protection, Inc., a position he has held since 1970. He joined Holmes in 1950.

Mr T. F. Foy, aged 38, is Vice President, Sales and Marketing of Holmes Protection, Inc. He was previously a Vice President of PASCO Securities Systems Inc.

The former Scusa Group has 300 employees. Holmes has approximately 1,070 employees of whom approximately 450 are involved in the private business and approximately 140 are involved in the operations in Chicago, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh, all of which are proposed to be sold.

Following completion of the acquisition, Mr Adams will assume overall responsibility for the operations of Holmes and he will concentrate his efforts on achieving the necessary improvement in the performance of the security business. At the same time, Mr Wiener will assume additional responsibilities in respect of the Scusa Group's businesses in other areas of New York City and in Long Island and New Jersey.

The Directors intend that the management and businesses of Holmes and the former Scusa Group will be integrated. In Manhattan, the administrative, engineering and response operations will be combined although the marketing activities of the two groups will remain distinct. In each of Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island and New Jersey, the operations of the two groups will be merged. The Florida operations of the former Scusa Group and the Philadelphia operations of Holmes will remain substantially in their present form and will form bases for further expansion in these areas.

Mr O'Connor and Mr Forrest will continue as respectively Chairman and Managing Director of Security Centres. In future, it is expected that each of them will spend approximately half of his time on Scusa business.

CURRENT TRADING OF THE FORMER SCUSA GROUP

The interim results of the former Scusa Group, which are set out in Appendix 4, show that the Group has benefited from the increase in the recurring revenue base which has been achieved since the flotation of Scusa in August 1983.

In considering the interim figures, it should be noted that the Directors believe that the impact of the integration of those businesses acquired in late 1983 and early 1984 will be greater in the second half of the current year. In addition, the timing of regular price increases to clients has a more significant impact on profits in the second half of the year.

Recently, the decision to acquire Holmes has restricted Scusa's progress in acquiring smaller 'add-on' businesses to complement the existing activities. This will continue to be the case in the next few months, since the management will be concentrating its efforts on improving the performance of Holmes in order to bring its results more into line with those being achieved by Scusa.

PROFIT AND EARNINGS FORECASTS OF THE SCUSA GROUP

On the bases and assumptions set out in Appendix 5, the Directors forecast that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the results of the Scusa Group for the year ending 31st December 1984 will be as follows:

US \$m

Former Scusa Group 7.1

Holmes, after financing costs 0.3

Profit before taxation not less than 7.4

Dividend 0.4

Profit after tax 7.0

Earnings per Share (on the basis of a weighted average number of shares in issue of 44,563,617) 15.7 cents (12.3p)

Accounting Policies Some financial statements are presented in accordance with United Kingdom accepted accounting principles. The financial statements of Holmes, which to date have been drawn up in accordance with US principles, will be altered so as to comply with Scusa's accounting policies. The Directors have been advised that, with the exception of the method of revenue recognition, which method has been described in paragraph (c) under "Accounting Policies" and paragraph (d) under "Statements of Income (Loss) and Retained Earnings" in the Accountants' Report prepared by Coopers & Lybrand, the financial statements of Holmes, which are contained in Appendix 2 to the prospectus, will be presented in accordance with Scusa's accounting policies, the results are set out in the report in accordance with Scusa's accounting policies.

The Directors are aware that there are proposals currently under review for approval by the relevant United Kingdom accounting bodies for a new accounting standard for the treatment of the amortisation of goodwill. Scusa's policy has been to write off the value of its goodwill and other intangible assets, consisting principally of the independently appraised values of subscriber contracts, against reserves on a straight line basis over a twenty year period. The new proposals are

likely to offer companies the choice between writing off the value of goodwill against reserves immediately or to amortise that value through the profit and loss account over the useful life of the asset in question. Compliance with these proposals, if they are approved, could have a significant effect on the financial statements of a number of companies, particularly in the security industry, including the security industry. The Directors of Scusa expect that the proposals will give rise to debate amongst those concerned and the Directors are keeping the position under review.

The Directors have been informed that at any event the proposals would not apply to results for the year ending 31st December 1984. However, illustration of the impact which the proposals might have on the reported results of Scusa is that, if the estimated amount which is to be amortised direct to reserves in the current year in respect of the value of goodwill and customer contracts were to be amortised through the profit and loss account, the Directors' forecast of profit before taxation for 1984, referred to above, would be US \$5 million, a reduction of US \$2.5 million. On the basis of the forecast earnings per Share of 15.7 cents (12.3p), the price earnings multiple on the basis of the Offer for Sale of 100p per share would be 6.4 times.

DIVIDENDS

The Directors expect, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, to recommend a final dividend of 1.1 cents (0.8p) per Share in respect of the year ending 31st December 1984. On this basis, total dividends for the year ending 31st December 1984 will amount to 1.8 cents (1.41p) per Share, which represents an increase of 20 per cent, compared with the dividend of 1.5 cents per Share which would have been paid in respect of the year ended 31st December 1983 had the Shares been in issue throughout that year.

It is expected that interim and final dividends will normally be payable in December and June respectively. All dividends will be declared in US dollars and paid in US dollars from the USA unless stockholders opt for payment in sterling, which they may do by completing a form which is available for the purpose from Scusa's Registrars, Lloyd's Bank Plc, Registar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 5UZ.

PROSPECTS OF THE SCUSA GROUP

The business of the Scusa Group will, following the proposed disposals which are referred to above, comprise the operations of the former Scusa Group in New York, New Jersey, Long Island and Florida and the operations of Holmes in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Scusa has only been active in the security market in the USA since November 1982, but it has already established a significant presence in that market through a number of successful acquisitions.

Holmes is the largest established alarm company in the USA and, although its recent trading record has been poor, it is one of the best known companies in the industry in the USA.

Holmes' recurring revenues as at June 1984 were approximately \$33 million on an annualised basis of which approximately \$2.6 million related to the businesses which are proposed to be retained by Scusa. These figures compare with recurring revenues of approximately \$14.4 million for the former Scusa Group calculated on the same basis.

The Directors believe that the current profitability of Holmes can be substantially improved by more effective marketing to existing and potential customers, improved service and improved cost control. These are all areas in which Scusa's management has considerable skills, as has been demonstrated by Scusa's successful trading record. In addition, Scusa's management is familiar with Holmes' markets.

Apart from the benefits to the Scusa Group which will arise from improving the performance of Holmes' business, there are a number of other potential benefits which will arise from the combination of Scusa and Holmes through the rationalisation of overlapping activities and related overheads, which can be effected with no deterioration in the quality of service to customers. In addition, the central stations of the Scusa Group are capable of monitoring a substantially increased number of alarm systems at little extra cost.

Although Scusa is not already represented in Philadelphia, Holmes' operations there will provide a base for further expansion, consistent with Scusa's policy of developing its activities on the Eastern seaboard area of the USA.

The Directors believe that the security alarm services market on the Eastern seaboard, particularly the Scusa Group's main business of central station monitoring of alarm systems, has considerable scope for growth. In New York City, growth opportunities lie particularly in upgrading existing systems. Elsewhere in the region, there is significant potential for adding to the subscriber base. The combination of Holmes, with its well-known name and long-established business, and the former Scusa Group, with its successful trading record, will create a group with the marketing, management and financial resources to enable it to take advantage of the growth opportunities available in the market, to restore Holmes' trading margins and to earn substantially higher profits.

TAXATION OF THE UK RESIDENT STOCKHOLDERS

Potential investors should consult their own advisers regarding the tax consequences of an investment in Scusa. Set out in paragraph 11 of Appendix 7 is a brief summary of certain UK and US tax laws, as presently interpreted, affecting those potential investors who are UK resident taxpayers. New legislation, regulations or treaties or changes in their interpretation could affect the tax position of UK resident investors.

OFFER FOR SALE AND SUBSCRIPTION

11,600,000 New Shares are being issued at a price of 100p per share by means of an Offer for Sale now being made by Kleinwort Benson. The Offer for Sale has been underwritten by Kleinwort Benson and the brokers to the issue are Zoë & Seta & Baren.

Application Lists will open at 10.00 a.m. on 9th October 1984 and may be closed at any time thereafter. Letters of Acceptance are expected to be posted on 15th October 1984 and applications are expected to commence on 16th October 1984.

Details of how to

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(a) Advances from SCOA and other affiliates

On 1st February 1984, SCOA entered into a credit agreement with National Westminster Bank USA ("NWB").

This credit agreement was established to finance the majority of the debt of SCOA's subsidiaries and to provide working capital funds for the future. On the date, \$2,250,000 of HPI's debt to NWB and \$950,000 of HPI's other debt was satisfied. A cash management program was established with SCOA whereby all cash receipts are transferred to SCOA with a return of cash from SCOA to HPI to cover HPI's disbursements. The balance of HPI's borrowings from SCOA amounted to approximately \$1,088,000 on 1st March 1984 and bears interest at prime plus 1/4 per cent.

The Holmes Group has an obligation to repay \$1,500,000 (\$250,000 in 1987 and \$1,250,000 in 1989) to SCOA for advances received. The advance of \$1,500,000 is non-interest bearing, in order to reflect the benefit to be derived by the difference between this rate of interest and a market rate, the obligation stated in the balance sheet at its net present value of \$944,000, determined by discounting at an assumed market rate of 13 per cent, from the date of maturity. The advance of \$250,000 bears annual interest at 12 per cent.

(b) Deferred income

Deferred income represents the revenue from the installation of security systems which is deferred for financial reporting purposes and amortised over a seven year period.

(c) Litigation

Various lawsuits and claims arising in the ordinary course of business were pending at 31st March 1984 against the Holmes Group. In the opinion of the management of the Holmes Group, amounts, if any, which may become payable upon final settlement of these matters, will have no material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Holmes Group.

(d) Pension plans

The Holmes Group has pension plans covering substantially all its employees. Pension expenses for the five and a half years ended 31st March 1984 were \$820,000, \$783,000, \$780,000, \$1,010,000, \$1,068,000 and \$1,070,000 for 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 respectively, a portion of which was capitalised as a component of labor costs and will be charged to income through depreciation. The Holmes Group makes annual contributions to the plan equal to the amounts accrued for expense net assets, determined as of 1st October 1982 for defined benefit plans, is as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:	\$'000
Vested	13,825
Non-vested	182

Net assets available for plan benefits

14,007

The assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 8 per cent. The deficit in plan assets will be funded over the future working lives of current plan participants.

Statement of Changes in Financial Position

The statements of changes in financial position of the Holmes Group for the five and a half years ended 31st March 1984 are set out below:

	Six months ended				
	Years ended 30th September	1980	1981	1982	1983
Sources of working capital	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net income (loss)	531	2,517	3,502	3,185	2,848
Items not affecting working capital: Depreciation and amortisation	3,402	4,162	6,210	6,357	5,543
Amortisation of deferred income	(1,283)	(1,660)	(2,065)	(2,505)	(2,884)
Provision for deferred taxes	—	494	363	2,167	2,133
Equity in loss of subsidiary	—	—	240	—	—
Working capital provided from operations	2,710	5,518	8,370	9,204	7,840
Increase in deferred income	2,518	2,764	3,044	2,961	2,693
Adjustment to security systems and central office equipment	1,741	841	507	—	—
Long-term debt issued in exchange for other debt	6,650	—	4,500	—	—
Additional long-term debt assumed	2,500	—	618	—	—
Reduction in long-term debt, net, including transfers to current liabilities	(10,900)	(2,204)	(5,438)	(3,532)	(818)
Long-term debt issued and taken over on acquisition of subsidiaries	—	434	—	1,011	1,548
Long-term debt related to leased equipment	—	1,231	—	—	—
Long-term debt issued in connection with purchase of NCC Group	—	—	8,500	—	4,758
Advances from affiliates	538	279	136	282	8,437
Other	620	29	—	—	82
	6,565	12,803	21,235	9,926	14,934
					75

Application of working capital

Fixed assets and capitalised leases on acquired subsidiaries	4,865	—	1,511	349	—
Additions to fixed assets	4,067	4,603	7,632	5,623	5,322
Subsidiary contracts arising from acquisition of subsidiaries	—	1,192	—	—	2,254
Decrease in other liabilities	—	—	—	—	402
Capitalisation of equipment leases	—	1,231	—	—	1,829
Dividends on common stock	359	401	3,563	2,486	2,447
Tax instalments payable—long-term transferred to short-term	418	289	(313)	—	—
Retirement of preferred stock	4,567	—	—	—	—
Dividend on preferred stock	22	—	—	—	—
Purchase of NCC Group	—	—	9,455	—	—
Other	—	—	35	255	—
	8,253	12,581	19,013	8,867	10,372
					5,078

Increase (decrease) in working capital

(2,588)	222	2,222	39	4,582	(5,003)
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Note: In August 1981 the Holmes Group purchased a 50 per cent interest in National Cladding Contractors, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary component ("the NCC Group"). This interest was held until August 1982 when it was transferred to SCOA as a dividend of \$4,500,000 in part of the corporate re-arrangement of the SCOA Group.

LIST OF THE HOLMES GROUP COMPANIES

A list of the companies included in the Holmes Group, all of which were incorporated in the US and, except where otherwise stated, are involved in the provision of alarm services, is set out below. SCOA will acquire the whole of the issued share capital of each of these companies from SCOA at completion.

Company	Date of incorporation	Issued capital
Holmes Protection, Inc.	29th January 1983	\$1,000
Holmes Protection of Philadelphia, Inc.	9th April 1989	200,000
Holmes Protection of Pittsburgh, Inc.	26th February 1987	100,000
Pittsburgh Fire Protection Company.	16th July 1986	50,000
Holmes Protection of Illinois, Inc.	26th June 1980	1,000
Holmes Protection of California, Inc.	18th May 1979	100
Residential Security, Inc.	6th January 1970	\$8,674
Holmes Protection Corporation (Formerly Alarco Inc.)	1st March 1972	100
Holmes Security Corporation (provision of guard services).	22nd August 1969	1,000
Holmes Protection of New Jersey, Inc.	18th April 1984	1,000
Holmes International Corporation.	23rd January 1983	NIL
Holmes Protection of Florida, Inc.	17th October 1989	1,500
Holmes Protection, Inc. (North Carolina) (non-trading)	27th June 1983	NIL
Securitronics Corporation.	24th August 1987	1,000
Holmes Investments, Inc. (non-trading)	25th April 1984	NIL
Holmes Electronics, Inc. (non-trading)	25th April 1984	NIL

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- On 20th April 1984, HPI and Peaco Security Systems, Inc. ("Paco") entered into a limited partnership in the State of New Jersey for the purpose of engaging in the business of central office burglar and fire alarm systems, through a business named Holmes Protection Company. Each partner contributed all the assets related to their respective New Jersey operations. The value of the initial capital contributions was \$1,500,000 for HPI and \$300,000 for Peaco.
- In June and July 1984, HPI purchased the assets of two companies in the burglar, fire alarm and detection service industry. The purchase consideration for these acquisitions was \$360,000 and \$430,000 respectively, and was satisfied partly in cash and partly by the issue of promissory notes. The operating results of these businesses are not significant in relation to the financial statements of the Holmes Group.
- It is presently contemplated that the structure of the SCOA Group will be reorganised in order to bring Holmes Protection of Philadelphia Inc. and Holmes Protection of Pittsburgh Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary under the direct ownership of HPI.

Very truly yours
COOPERS & LYBRAND,
Certified Public Accountants

APPENDIX 3 Pro-Forma Statement of Net Assets of the SCOA Group
The following pro-forma Statement of Net Assets of the SCOA Group, which is provided for illustrative purposes only, is based on the audited consolidated balance sheets of the Former SCOA Group and of Holmes as at 31st March 1984, as set out in the Accountants' Reports in Appendices 1 and 2. The statement is adjusted to reflect:

- the acquisition of Holmes on the basis of the terms described herein;
- the issue of 21,538,188 New Shares;
- the adoption in respect of Holmes of SCOA's accounting policies;

(v) the incurrence of additional debt of US \$20 million;

(vi) the elimination of assets and liabilities of Holmes which are not being assumed on the acquisition. In addition, the costs relating to the acquisition have been accrued; and

(vii) the excess of the purchase price over the net assets acquired having been attributed to the subscriber contract.

Fixed assets

Subsidiary contract

Central

Other assets

Current assets

Stock

Debtors

Receivable from Security Centres

Prepaid expenses

Cash

10,533

12,447

5,651

198

4,514

12,000

1,895

420

40,125

CS 505

77,569

600

21,984

55,225

CS 505

52,532

338 North Clinton Drive, Beverly Hills

227 East 56th Street, New York

2911 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

15 Dutch Street, New York

380 North Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey

7th and Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

These properties will be disposed of in connection with the proposed sale of Holmes' businesses as described above.

524-532 West 26th Street, New York

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(v) On 26th March 1983, the 50 shares of Series B Preferred Stock owned by a former executive of Scusa were redeemed by Scusa for US \$1,000 and on 1st July 1983, the option to subscribe for 25 shares of Series B Preferred Stock was cancelled for US \$500. On 1st July and 31st July 1983, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock agreed to the redemption of all such stock by Scusa in consideration of the payment to each holder of the par value of his shares and of the agreement of Scusa to the cancellation by Hedges and Invicta respectively of US \$70,000 and US \$40,000 New Shares pursuant to the subscription agreement referred to in paragraph 1(a) below. As a result of the foregoing, all of the issued and outstanding shares of Series A and Series B Preferred Stock were cancelled.

(vi) On 15th July and 19th July 1983, the authorized capital stock was increased from 15,000 shares of stock to 60,000,000 shares of stock, of which 10,000,000 shares of par value US \$1.00 each were designated "Preferred Stock" and 50,000 shares of par value US \$1.00 each were designated "Common Stock" (such shares of Common Stock herein referred to as "Shares") and the 700 shares of Class A Common Stock previously issued and outstanding were reorganized, subdivided and reclassified and into 18,000,000 Shares, thus increasing the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock from 1,000 Shares to 18,000,000 Shares.

(vii) Following the reorganization of capital referred to in paragraph (vi) above the re-purchase rights of Hedges and Invicta referred to in paragraph (i) above were extended respectively to 2,870,000 and 2,430,000 Shares. On 21st July 1983, Hedges and Invicta exercised their right to re-purchase from SCHL respectively 2,870,000 and 2,430,000 Shares then in issue and owned by SCHL.

(viii) On 21st July 1983, Hedges, Invicta and SCHL respectively agreed to subscribe in cash on 5th August 1983 for 1,750,000, 1,440,000 and 5,771,704 Shares at 85p per share.

(ix) On 22nd July 1983, Scusa issued to SCHL 1,726,266 Shares credited as fully paid, as consideration for the sale by SCHL to Scusa of the whole of the issued share capital of Gibraltar Security.

(x) On 22nd July 1983, Gibraltar Security issued 600,000 of a new series of Non-Voting Preferred Stock as consideration for the sale of Southern Alarm.

(xi) On 8th August 1983, Scusa completed an offer for sale of 11,800,000 Shares at a base price of 85 pence per share and the subscription of Shares referred to in paragraphs (vii) and (viii) above thus increasing the number of US issued and outstanding Shares from 18,000,000 to 40,000,000.

(xii) On 3rd October 1984, the authorized common stock of Scusa was increased by 30,000,000 Shares.

(xiii) Save as disclosed herein:

(a) no capital of Scusa or any of its subsidiaries or proposed subsidiaries has, except within the Former Scusa Group or within Holmes, within the two years immediately preceding the date of this prospectus been issued or is proposed to be issued, fully or partly paid, for cash or for a consideration other than cash;

(b) no commissions, discounts, brokerage or other special terms have been granted by Scusa or any of its subsidiaries within the said two years in connection with the issue or sale of any capital of Scusa or any of its subsidiaries;

(c) no capital of Scusa or any of its subsidiaries or Holmes is under option or has been agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option;

(d) Following the issue of 21,528,188 New Shares, 17,373,512 Shares of Common Stock and 10,000,000 Shares of Preferred Stock of Scusa will remain unissued (disregarding unissued shares reserved for issue against the exercise of options) but no material issue of shares (other than to stockholders prior to their existing holdings) will be made within 1 year of the date hereof without the approval of stockholders in general meeting and no issue of shares which would effectively alter the control of Scusa or the nature of business will be made without the prior approval of stockholders in general meeting.

6. Stock Option Plan

Scusa adopted a Stock Option Plan for Executive Directors and selected employees which was approved by stockholders on 30th March 1984. This Plan was amended pursuant to the passing of a resolution at the special meeting of stockholders held on 3rd October 1984. Under the terms of the Plan, the Board may, at its discretion, within the period of three years from the date of adoption of Scusa's Stock Option Plan, grant options to subscribe for Shares in Scusa. The price payable on the exercise of an option is the higher of (i) the nominal value of a Share and (ii) the average mid-market quotation of a Share as defined from the Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five consecutive dealing days prior to the date on which options are granted. An option may be exercised during the period of ten years from the date of grant, but not normally within three years. In the event of a resolution being passed for the voluntary winding up of the Scusa, an option outstanding may be exercised within 90 days after notice of such resolution. Shares allotted will rank pari passu in all respects with the then issued Shares, save as regards rights attaching by reference to a record date which precedes the date of allotment. No options may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part. The number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Plan may not exceed 5,000,000 Shares except that the Directors may not grant options over Shares representing more than 5 per cent. of the issued capital stock from time to time. Following the issue of the New Shares, the maximum number of Shares over which additional options may be granted under the plan will be 1,975,303. The maximum number of Shares over which options may in future be granted to any one participant is limited so that the aggregate value of such Shares, together with any Shares in respect of which such participants already have options, at their exercise price, should not be more than 3 times the annual remuneration of the person concerned.

The Directors are also considering other possible incentive schemes for executives. If it is decided to propose a scheme which involves the issue of Shares, stockholders' approval will be sought and the limits referred to above will be applied in aggregate to Shares available under the Plan and under any such proposed scheme.

7. Borrowings

(a) At the close of business on 7th September 1984, the Former Scusa Group and Holmes had outstanding borrowings as set out below. The table also shows the term loans to be drawn subsequent to that date to finance part of the acquisition cost of Holmes:	
Former Scusa Group:	
Secured bank loans:	20,578,500
Non-bank indebtedness:	2,250,307
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Holmes:	23,228,807
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Total combined borrowings:	43,553,807
Scusa Group:	
Borrowings at 7th September 1984, as above:	23,553,807
Maximum new term loans to be drawn to finance the balance of the consideration for the acquisition of Holmes and the expenses of the acquisition:	15,000,000
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Pro-forma combined borrowings of the Scusa Group:	43,553,807

(b) Save as disclosed above, and apart from intra-group indebtedness and guarantees, neither the Former Scusa Group nor Holmes had outstanding at 7th September 1984 any mortgages, charges, debentures, term loans, loan capital or any loan capital created but unissued, or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments or any guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

8. Directors' and Other Interests

(a) The interests (including family interests) of each Director in the share capital of Scusa, which would appear in the register which would be required to be maintained under the Companies Act 1967 if Scusa were subject to the provisions of that Act, and the percentages of the issued capital stock of Scusa which such holdings currently represent and would represent immediately following completion of the acquisition of Holmes, Offer for Sale and Subscription are as follows:

	Shares	before Acquisition	after Acquisition	Offer for Sale and	Offer for Sale and	Subscription	OpScusa
B. D. O'Connor	1,235,540	2,744,960	10.05	6.53	109,000		
T. Forrest	1,039,640	1,713,890	8.22	5.35	109,000		
P. G. Schmidt	12,000	—	0.03	0.01	109,000		
N. Rubin	50,000	—	0.125	0.03	109,000		
J. A. Henderson	60,000	—	0.125	0.03	109,000		

The interest of Mr O'Connor is held by Hedges and the interest of Mr Forrest held by Invicta.

(b) Apart from the shareholdings of Hedges and Invicta, the only shareholding of 5 per cent. or more of the existing issued capital stock of Scusa, of which Scusa is aware, is as follows:

	Shares	before Acquisition	after Acquisition	Offer for Sale and	Offer for Sale and	Subscription	OpScusa
Security Centres	100,000	50,25	32.67				

(c) The following are details of the consulting and employment agreements of the Directors of Scusa with Scusa:

Name of Director	Term	Current salary
B. D. O'Connor	3 years from 1st July 1983	US \$50,000 p.a.
T. Forrest	3 years from 1st July 1983	US \$75,000 p.a.
P. G. Schmidt	2 years from 21st July 1983	US \$50,000 p.a.
N. Rubin	5 years from 1st April 1983	US \$102,500 p.a.

The salaries of Mr O'Connor, Mr Forrest and Mr Rubin are subject to annual increase based on increases in the consumer price index for the north east region of the USA. In addition to his salary, Mr Rubin is entitled to a contribution to his pension fund on the net amount of his basic salary paid to other executives and subject to minimum and maximum adjustments for each twelve month period ending 31st March (the "earns") of the following subsidiaries of Scusa: Jeweler's National Guardsmen and any additional companies acquired by either Jeweler's or National Guardsmen located in the north east region of the USA and of the acquired business and assets of Supreme Burglar Alarm Corp. and Supreme Protective System Inc. (collectively "Supreme"). The amount of such bonus is calculated by reference to a specified percentage (6 per cent. for Jeweler's, Supreme and additional companies acquired and 3.75 per cent. for National Guardsmen) of the amount by which the total net earnings of each company in each year exceeds specified base figures.

Save as disclosed herein, there are no existing or proposed service contracts between any of the Directors and Scusa or any of its subsidiaries.

The aggregate emoluments of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1983 amounted to US \$10,000 and the aggregate emoluments of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1984 are estimated to amount to US \$304,000. The total emoluments of the Directors will not be varied as a consequence of the proposed acquisition of Holmes.

(d) Pursuant to the agreement for the acquisition by Scusa of the issued share capital of Jeweler's referred to in paragraph 9(a) below, Mr Rubin and his wife Sylvia Rubin, sold to Scusa their holdings of a total of 64,630 common shares of par value US \$0.01 (representing approximately 16 per cent. of the issued share capital of Jeweler's) for a consideration (subject to adjustment provided for in the agreement) of US \$3,770,514.

(e) At the time of the Jeweler's acquisition, Scusa obtained certain rights to acquire the share capital, business or assets of Southern Alarm pursuant to the agreement referred to in paragraph 9(a) below. On 19th July 1983, Southern Alarm was merged into Gibraltar Security in consideration of the issue of an aggregate of 600,000 shares of a new series of non-voting preferred stock of Gibraltar Security with a total attributable value of US \$600,000. Mr Rubin received 188,400 shares, or 31.4 per cent. of the total, which represented his proportionate shareholding in Southern Alarm. Gibraltar Security was granted the right on the first, second and third anniversaries of 15th July 1983 to reduce, respectively 57,091,57,081 and 74,018 of the new preferred stock of Gibraltar Security held by Mr Rubin at a price per share equal to the greater of (i) seven times the net earnings per share of all shares then issued and outstanding or (ii) 25 times the average monthly recurring net earnings of Gibraltar Security for the twelve month period prior to such month. The estimated cost of the shares of Gibraltar Security and Southern Alarm as of 1st June 1983 divided by 200,000 (provided that such monthly recurring revenues shall be deemed to be not less than US \$20,000). On the first anniversary, 15th July 1984, Gibraltar Security exercised the first option to redeem shares at a cost of US \$500,000 and the estimated cost of redeeming the balance of all such shares of preferred stock is

approximately US \$1,100,000. As part of the Gibraltar Security/Southern Alarm merger, Gibraltar Security was also granted the right at option (i) to cause Scusa to lease a building owned in part by Mr Rubin and presently leased and occupied by Gibraltar Security for the operations formerly carried on at such premises by Southern Alarm or (ii) to terminate the lease agreement within 60 months from the date of the merger (subsequently extended to 31st December 1984). If Gibraltar Security elects to continue to lease such premises, the lease will be for a ten-year period and the rent will be fixed by an independent third party real estate appraiser familiar with the area. Scusa has not yet made a decision with regard to the exercise of this right.

(f) Mr Schmidt is a partner in Schmidt and Associates, United States General Counsel to Scusa, which has received fees of US \$145,000 in connection with the Jeweler's and Supreme acquisitions, US \$25,000 in connection with the Gibraltar Security acquisition, US \$125,000 in connection with the reorganisation of Scusa with the offer for sale in July 1983 and US \$125,000 in connection with the proposed acquisition of Holmes and the proposed Offer for Sale and Subscription.

(g) Save as disclosed in paragraphs 5, 8 and 9, no Director has or has had any interest, direct or indirect, in any assets which within two years immediately preceding the date hereof have been or are proposed to be acquired or disposed of by or leased to Scusa or any of its subsidiaries and no contract or arrangement exists in which a Director is materially interested and which is significant in relation to the business of Scusa and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

9. Material Contracts

The following contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) have been entered into within the last two years by the Scusa Group and are or may be material:

(i) Agreement dated 8th November 1982 between Scusa (1) SCHL (2) Invicta (3) Hedges (4) Forrest (5) T. M. Atken (6) A. Salmon (7) B. D. O'Connor (8) and T. Forrest (9) pursuant to which the subscriptions described in paragraph 5(d)(ii) above took place;

(ii) Agreement dated 8th November 1982 between Scusa (1) and Herbert L. Morris (2) letter dated 8th November 1982 from Scusa to Mr Morris, letter dated 12th May 1983 from Scusa to Mr Morris and Mutual Release dated 13th May 1983 between Scusa (1) and Mr Morris (2) concerning the grant and cancellation for a consideration of US \$300 of Mr Morris' option to acquire 25 shares of Series B Preferred Stock of Scusa;

(iii) Agreement dated 10th November 1982 between Scusa (1) and Century Electronics Company (2) and Carl Koenig (3) and an Assignment and Assumption dated 12th January 1983 between Scusa (1) and Century Electronics Company (2) in connection with the purchase by Gibraltar Security of the whole of the issued share capital of Century Electronics Company for US \$400,000 subject to adjustment in respect of the purchase price;

(iv) Agreement dated 12th November 1982 between Scusa (1) and Hedges and Invicta (2) being an agreement for the pledge of the Series A Preferred Stock of Scusa to Mr Rubin as agent for Security Centres as security for Scusa's obligations in relation to borrowings incurred to finance the acquisition of the issued share capital of National Guardsmen and supported by Security Centres;

(v) Agreement dated 12th November 1982 between SCHL (1) and Hedges and Invicta (2) being an agreement for the grant of 10 cents per share of 200 shares of Class B Common Stock of Scusa and the granting of a conditional right to repurchase the same;

(vi) Agreement dated 12th November 1982 as modified by an agreement between the same parties dated 16th November 1982 between Scusa (1) and New Equity Corp. (2) being the agreement for the acquisition of the issued share capital of National Guardsmen for a consideration of US \$7,132,311 subject to adjustment as provided;

(vii) Agreement dated 18th January 1983 between Basco Electronics Inc. (1) National Guardsmen (2) and Jay Adeloye (3) being an agreement for the purchase of substantially all of the business and assets of Basco Electronics Inc. for US \$623,000, subject to adjustment as provided;

(viii) Agreement dated 24th January 1983 between Thunder Corporation (1) Gibraltar Security (2) Michael K. Sturgill (3) and Michael Jr. Hope McKinnon (4) being an agreement for the purchase of the business and assets of Thunder Corporation for US \$243,000;

(ix) Agreement dated 3rd February 1983 between Holmes Protection of Illinois Inc. (1) Securitronics Corporation (2) Houghton Baer and James Humphrey (the shareholders of Securitronics Corporation) (3) being an agreement for the acquisition of all the issued share capital of Securitronics Corporation for US \$300,000 cash and a subordinated promissory note of US \$300,000 bearing interest at 10 per cent. payable in twenty-eight quarterly installments;

(x) Agreement dated 19th February 1983 between Norman Rubin, Raymond Adams, Mark Wiener and Aaron Green (1) and being an agreement for the purchase by Scusa of the whole of the share capital of jewelers for US \$23,000,000;

(xi) Agreement dated 19th February 1983 between a company then known as Supreme Burglar Alarm Corp. (a company now known as Supreme Protective System, Inc. (2) Scusa (3) and Norman Rubin, Raymond Adams, Charles Weinstein, Frances Weinstein and Sylvia Rubin (4) being an agreement for the acquisition of substantially all of the business and assets of companies then known as Supreme Burglar Alarm Corp. and Supreme Protective System, Inc. for US \$3,000,000;

(xii) Consulting Agreement dated as of 1st April 1983 between Scusa (1) and Norman Rubin (2) setting out the arrangements referred to in paragraph 7(c) above;

(xiii) Agreement dated 2nd April 1983 between Scusa (1) Southern Alarm (2) and Norman Rubin, Raymond Adams, Mark Wiener and Aaron Green (3) being an agreement granting Scusa an option exercisable in certain circumstances to acquire the share capital, business or assets of Southern Alarm;

(xiv) General release dated 8th June 1983 given by Melvin Chasen concerning the settlement of all claims brought by Mr Chasen against Scusa, Gibraltar Security and other companies in the Scusa Group in connection with the redemption by Scusa by letter dated 14th March 1983

Sport...on 3 PAGES**PRIMO DOMINIE STANDS OUT IN MIDDLE PARK**

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

PRIMO DOMINIE, bringing an unbeaten record to this afternoon's Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket, and Prince Sabo, tackling older sprinters in Longchamp's Prix de l'Abbaye on Sunday, attempt a big-race double for Brian Swift the Epsom trainer.

Both races enjoy Group One status in the European Pattern system and although Swift has done extremely well with these good two-year-olds, none of their victories has yet come in a Group One event.

Primo Dominie has gained Pattern-race victories in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, the Anglia Television July Stakes at Newmarket and the O.C.L. Richmond Stakes at Goodwood.

The Richmond Stakes is a Group Two race. The Coventry Stakes and July Stakes are Group Three status. All are over today's distance of six furlongs.

Faces Habibti

Prince Sabo, whose Longchamp opponents on Sunday will include Habibti, gained his most important success in the Group Two Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster on St Leger day. He

TODAY'S NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR COURSE CORR. FORM
1. 10-10 Starlight Night 1-30 STYLING (nap) 2-10 Starlight Warning
2. 2-20 Primo Dominie 3-8 Eassenthalte
3. 4-10 Primo Dominie (nap) 5-8 Primo Dominie
4. 10-10 Kirmann 3-8 Lady of the Land
5. 4-10-10 Alleging (nap) 4-10-10 Alleging (nap)
HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE—Primo Dominie and Kirmann
NEWMARKET NAP—Starlight Warning (2-30)
TONY STAFFORD—Starlight (2-30)

prevailed by a short-head there will seek consolation in the Irish St Leger at The Curragh on Saturday week.

Fulke Johnson, Houghton, Bawn's trainer, is hopeful that Steve Carthen will be free to ride Bayonne again in Ireland.

Run' withdrawn

Commanche was withdrawn from Sunday's Prix d'Arc de Triomphe at the second acceptance stage yesterday and will also miss the Irish St Leger.

Capricorn will be the only survivor of the stable as Commanche Run, tackles a big race in Italy rather than the William Hill Cambridgeshire on Saturday.

I believe Primo Dominie to be the better. The late challenges which have characterised his most recent races left the impression that he had more to spare than his now winning margin would suggest.

Lester Piggott, who has ridden four of the last six Middle Park Stakes winners, is on Prince Sabo.

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OKAMOTO CUTS SWING TO TAKE LEAD WITH 71

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

AYAKO OKAMOTO of Japan, did the sponsors something of a service in the Hitachi British Women's Open Championship at Woburn yesterday when she led the field after a first round of 71. It was a much better score than it may sound.

There was more of winter in the air than autumn as heavy showers, chased by a cold wind, scuttled across the course. Consequently only one other player, Dale Reid from Scotland, with a 72, managed to squeeze inside the par of 73.

Such are the hazards of October but with the American tour already bursting at the seams, it is the first realistic date available if the championship is to achieve its projected and proper status.

With players huddled in several pullovers, waterproofs, woolen hats and gloves, scores in the 80s were as common as those in the 70s. But it can be cold in Japan, too, and Miss Okamoto, all 5ft 5in of her, was quickly at home on her first visit to Britain.

She cut down her swing, having little option beneath several layers of clothing, but still gave the ball a very healthy blow, often outdriving Kirtina Douglas, leading money winner on the European tour, by as much as 50 yards.

Miss Douglas was round in 78 after dropping six strokes in her first seven holes, though that was not as bad as it sounds since they were starting at the 11th, which is much the hardest part of the course.

Early birdies

It is very much a case of being "in at the deep end" with no time to warm up, though Miss Okamoto survived it well enough with two birdies in her first two holes where she sank putts of respectively, she explained "two steps and then two and a half steps."

Her limited English prevented her from giving the exact yards or feet but as her paces are not as long as those of Miss Douglas, who is much taller, they can be assumed to have been quite short.

Later there were three birdies in a row from the second and the only time the little Japanese dropped shots came at two par fives where she once took three putts "from 10 steps", and the short sixth where she went over the green.

She has fourth in the American money list in the two tournaments this year. Miss Okamoto has established a position of some strength, though Amy Alcott's 73 was also im-

Lancome Trophy

Langer and Torrance in top-money duel

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS defends the Lancome Trophy European champion's title at St Nom-la-Bretèche, Paris, today, but interest is focused on Bernhard Langer—the man who beat in the final of the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth on Sunday.

The West German seeks a fourth victory of the season and £22,500 first prize, which he believes will ensure his spot top of the Sports Order of Merit to win the Vardon Trophy for a second time.

Indeed, he insists, that so long as he wins £10,000 more than Scotland's Sam Torrance he will feel secure enough to withdraw from next week's Spanish Open at Valencia, and the Open at Cannes and Portuguese Opens, the last two qualifying events.

Langer reasons that Torrance, only £15,222 behind him, would have to win two of the remaining three events to overtake him. He doesn't believe that is on considering the pressure he would be under."

Pinch of salt

But Torrance, who has also won three times—Tunisian Open, Benson & Hedges International, and Sanjo Open—earns more personal reward £105,427 and is equally convinced Langer is not lost.

He has entered for all three remaining events and insists: "I'm playing well enough to win a couple. I lost in the first final at Wentworth but had seven pars against Nakamura of Japan and would have been lying second in a stroke-play tournament."

Torrance takes Langer's promise to call it a day after his Paris outing with a pinch of salt: "Are you telling me he won't show up in the Portuguese Open in the last week of October if everything depends on the outcome?"

The Welsh, who have the strongest team on paper, made a good start by taking three of the four morning's fourball matches.

Able led by former Ryder Cup player and captain, Brian Huggett, the Welsh took four of the top five singles to secure two points over the dejected Scottish side.

The surprise result of the day came in the match between defending Champions England and Northern Ireland, who had a closely fought halved match with England, who looked at one stage to be heading for a comfortable victory after a resounding 8 and 7 win by Trevor Wood from Leamington and County, over an out-of-sorts Eamonn Hines in the top singles.

But the result hinged on the last match of the day between England's Keith Morris from Leyland and John Mann, from Omagh.

Mann, who was one up on the 18th tee, drove into a fairway bunker to open the door for Morris. But with the bitterly cold east wind sweeping across the links, the English golfer could manage no better than a bogey five to allow Mann a half at the last hole.

With the weather deteriorating again, today's race is certain to prove punishing for both craft and crews. In such conditions the Italians are better placed than the British with the help of their bulky diesel-powered craft.

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European Soccer

SOUTHAMPTON BATTLE BUT CRASH OUT

By DONALD SAUNDERS in Hamburg
Hamburg...2 Southampton...0
(Hamburg win 2-0 on agg.)

SOUTHAMPTON were knocked out of the UEFA Cup, at Hamburg's Volkspark last night by a 68th minute penalty from Kaltz and a last-second goal by McGhee, to send Hamburg into the second round.

Manager Lawrie McMenemy's defensive intentions were clear before the start, when he chose Baker, a defender, to replace the injured Armstrong in midfield.

BRAZIL AND

MUHREN BEAT HUNGARIANS

By DEREK RODGSON
in Györ, Hungary

Raba György, 2 Man. Utd 2 (Man. Utd win 5-2 on agg.)

MANCHESTER United survived a furious 90 minutes before a 30,000 crowd when Brazil's first-half goal was complemented by a second-half penalty from Muhren but Raba, with luck, might have scored four.

Raba managed to field eight of the team that played at Old Trafford and began with a series of fierce raids down the right, forcing two corner-kicks and losing a golden chance when Preszler completely missed his kick, 12 yards out.

When United reached the Raba half Hughes and Oiseen took heavy tackles. The implication that this was to be no repetition of the gentle first leg.

United's goal after 11 minutes was a shock for both sides. Raba's spinning shot from 22 yards carried more power and speed than appeared.

Kovacs misjudged the line and dived but could only parry the ball for Brazil to pick up the rebound and score his first goal for United.

Penalty save

Four minutes later the referee ruled that Moses had handled inside the area. Baker read Muhren's kick, blocked the ball with his gloves and then saw a rebound shot fly from his legs to safety.

Preszler's long range shooting brought Raba a deserved goal after 51 minutes when he beat Bailey from 25 yards out with a powerful left foot shot.

Hannich scored Raba's second with a tremendous right-foot drive from 30 yards.

United settled the tie in the 73rd minute when Moses was bowled over by Haukirk in the area and Muhren coolly converted the penalty.

Raba György, Kovacs, Preszler, Szabó, Mihály, Sturk, Varga, Mihály, Manchester, Utd, Raba, Rábók, Árpád, Kovács, Mihály, Rácz, Baker, József, Kovács, Waller

Spurs go through in canter

By MICHAEL CALVIN
Tottenham...6 Spots Braga...0
(Tottenham win 9-0 on agg.)

GARTH CROOKS scored his second hat-trick in a week when Tottenham's perfectionist instincts ensured that there was no respite for Sporting Braga at White Hart Lane last night.

Logic suggested that any possibility of an embarrassing early exit by the UEFA Cup-holders had vanished during an authoritative first-leg performance in Portugal.

Yet, driven by the fact that players' lofty reputations count for nothing, the Portuguese made a powerful point of quickly adding their initial three-goal advantage.

Decisive drive

Only 10 minutes had elapsed when Carvalho, harried by Falco at a Cheldege corner, cleared into the path of Stevens who scored with a decisive drive from 25 yards.

Four minutes later Hughton added a second goal, beating the offside trap with such a perfectly timed run on to Hazard's through ball that his shot past Heffer was a formality.

An involuntary deflection by Roberts from a shot by Arthur almost enabled the bewildered Portuguese to reduce the deficit, but in the 26th minute, the rout was on when the momentum when Galtier's off-wing cross was headed in by Crooks.

Peter Shreeves, the Spurs manager, understandably chose to exploit a comfortable situation at half-time by re-introducing Hughton for his first appearance in the match.

It had been generally expected that Curtis, a striker with midfield experience, would get the job. Instead, Baker was called in for his first senior appearance since last November and asked to close-mark Magath, Ham-

ham's midfield general.

Yet, it was Wutke, another

midfielder, who caused most trouble when the Germans put Southampton's defence under relentless pressure.

Wutke, a substitute in the first leg, used the ball shrewdly and gaped for his colleagues and often went forward swiftly into scoring positions.

Wutke was only inches wide of a goal when he scored a thunderous 35-yarder against a post, with Shilton beaten, midway through the first half.

With only 12 minutes gone, Jordan nodded back a free kick from Mills and Wright's close-range header bounced off the bar and was cleared.

Shortly before half-time, Moran received a long pass from Baker, took the ball to the line and saw his cross run along the bar and drop the wrong side.

Another tangle

Southampton were again in a tangle as Hamburg launched another attack and this time, a fierce angled shot from McGhee reached the bar. By now even Wallace was having to help out in defence and, on the hour, he was replaced for a foul after a clumsy tackle.

McGhee, from a shot from a comically hesitant defence, to score a simple fifth goal after 66 minutes and, as the game subsided, Hughton then laid on a chance which Rabbett missed with the outside of his foot, curled behind a retreating defence to Crooks, who drew the goalkeeper into side-totting in an aimed effort.

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TELEVISION - THURSDAY

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 9. Under Sail, *Fascinating*, r.p.t. 9.15 Labour Party Conference, from Blaikiehill, 10.20 Play Weekend, 12.57 Regional Newscast and South News, 1.15 Financial Report and News, 1.30 *A Pele's Mill* at One, 1.45 *Five Minutes*, r.p.t. 2 Labour Party Conference, 2.30 *Play School*, 2.45 *Tommy Steele's* in the Old Mine—starting a new series, 3.15 *Beat the Teacher*, 3.30 *Gondola, the Golden Gondola*, 3.45 *John Gwynne's Newsround* in Devon, 3.55 *Blue Peter*, 4.00 *Flood Alert*—in the village of Tonbridge in Kent, 4.05 *Cricket* subtitles, 4.23 *Henry's Law*, 4.30 *Grange Hill*, r.p.t. (Ceefax subtitles), 4.38 *Weather*.

6.00 NEWS.

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6.55 TOMORROW'S WORLD—Latest scientific gadgets and earth moving discoveries.

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-2

6.35 a.m.-7.45 Open University. 9.30 Daytime on Two, a sequence of 16 short educational programmes, 2 *Dollars a Day*, *Brother Keeper*, r.p.t. (Ceefax subtitles), 2.45 *Labour Party Conference*, 5.55 *Handicapped in the Community*, The Centre for Independent Living in Berkeley, California, 6.00 *Open University* production rpt., 3.25 *New Weather*, 5.30 *Fred: Unocal's Distribution*, *Fred*.

6.00 THE MARTIAN CHRONICLES—The Martians are now up to No. 3000, with earth destroyed by nuclear war and the settlers on Mars the only survivors. With Rock Hudson. Repeat.

7.30 OPEN SPACE—Breaking the Mould? Visiting of a new Japanese style of production and management. Will it alleviate the mindless repetition which increasingly threatens industry and workers?

8.00 COMMERCIAL BREAKS—Who Dares, Wins Readers? Behind the scenes of the circulation war between Fleet Street's tabloid newspapers, especially

7.20 TOP OF THE POPS—Introduced by Simon Bates and Richard Skinner.

8.00 THE MAGNIFICENT EVANS—Attending an auction Rachel, in response to an amorous suggestion, Evans, made an involuntary but successful bid for a giant mirror. Now they have to get rid of it. (Ceefax subtitles.)

8.30 CHECKPOINT—The Radio 4 investigating series moves on to TV for a series of four programmes, looking up viewers' complaints, written and presented by Roger Cook. One case each week, which, for legal reasons, will not be disclosed in advance.

9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9.25 THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW—From Wembley, including the Puissance contest.

10.45 HEART OF THE MATTER—With David Jessel; Ethical questions raised by vivisection.

11.20 DUTY OF THE UNDERTOW—Sweet Dreams. Three examples of managing small businesses, all successful after struggles, in Newcastle and Birmingham. 11.30 News, Weather.

all the Mirrors and the Sun. Follow-up to last week's programme about Robert Maxwell taking over the Daily Mirror.

8.30 DO THEY MEAN US?—Derek Jameson looks at how the foreign TV and papers covered the latest Royal birth, and at how Prince Charles may stand back toward a state of foreign stories about notorious love affairs.

9.00 A KICK UP THE 80s—Satire and comedy series repeat.

9.25 LIFE OF AN ORCHESTRA—On Tour. Following the 100 musicians of the LSO on tour in Paris, Vienna and Frankfurt, with conductor Claudio Abbado and Zubin Mehta.

10.15 A HOT SUMMER NIGHT WITH DONNA—Second part of the concert recital in California by Donna Summer.

10.50 NEWSPIGHT—Including Labour Party Conference Report.

11.45-12.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

murder and are joined by two unlikely but effective allies.

8.00 DUTY FREE—Pepe. On the return boat from Tangiers a sinister Spaniard persuades Pepe to take a box for him to Spain, said to contain Pepe's ashes. (Ceefax subtitles.)

8.30 HOTEL—Friggs. One, a bejewelled actress returns to the stage after 20 years; two, a jewel-thief woman has a get-together with hotel manager Peter; and three, a man getting over a mental breakdown is reunited with his wife. Standard fare at the St. Gregory.

9.30 TV EYE—Victory Next Time? The Labour Party's prospects at the polls.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN; followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 SNOOKER—Further coverage of the tournament at Newcastle.

12.15 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With John Marsh.

8.30 LOOKS FAMILIAR—Denis Norden with film extracts from the 1930s and 1940s.

9.15 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY—With Christopher Ward.

9.30 HOME VIDEO—Film or play shot on just one camera, like a home movie, or celebrations by a London family for a son's marriage, the film to be sent to the bride in Australia. Some cracks in the happy facade. Made by writer Lesley Bruce and director Alan Dossor, with Colin Blakely, Doreen Mantle, David Swift and Patricia Routledge.

10.35 THE BLOOD OF THE BRITISH—European Community. Not the current one but in the Iron Age and Roman Britain.

11.05 LITTLE ARMADILLOS—Sex, Sin and Surgery.

11.35-12.55 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS—Graduating Class. Wendy Hiller as a lonely, unappreciated schoolmistress in America whose few friendships lead to tragedy. B/w.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

8.30 THEATRES & CINEMAS

8.30-11.30 p.m. and from 2 Labour Party Conference on Blackpool. 9. Alice, comedy in Arizona cafe, 5.30 * St. Martin's Lane, 10.20 *House of Cards*, 11.30 * *Scandalous*, 12.30 *House of Cards*, 1.30 *Scandalous*, 2.30 *House of Cards*, 3.30 *Scandalous*, 4.30 *House of Cards*, 5.30 *Scandalous*, 6.30 *House of Cards*, 7.30 *Scandalous*, 8.30 *House of Cards*, 9.30 *Scandalous*, 10.30 *Scandalous*, 11.30 *Scandalous*, 12.30 *Scandalous*, 1.30 *Scandalous*, 2.30 *Scandalous*, 3.30 *Scandalous*, 4.30 *Scandalous*, 5.30 *Scandalous*, 6.30 *Scandalous*, 7.30 *Scandalous*, 8.30 *Scandalous*, 9.30 *Scandalous*, 10.30 *Scandalous*, 11.30 *Scandalous*, 12.30 *Scandalous*, 1.30 *Scandalous*, 2.30 *Scandalous*, 3.30 *Scandalous*, 4.30 *Scandalous*, 5.30 *Scandalous*, 6.30 *Scandalous*, 7.30 *Scandalous*, 8.30 *Scandalous*, 9.30 *Scandalous*, 10.30 *Scandalous*, 11.30 *Scandalous*, 12.30 *Scandalous*, 1.30 *Scandalous*, 2.30 *Scandalous*, 3.30 *Scandalous*, 4.30 *Scandalous*, 5.30 *Scandalous*, 6.30 *Scandalous*, 7.30 *Scandalous*, 8.30 *Scandalous*, 9.30 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